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20 S. Africans killed
MASERU, Lesotho, March 27 (R) — Lesotho said Sunday an armed group from South Africa suffered about 20 dead in an attack on a paramilitary barracks on the southern Lesotho border Saturday.

Sunday's Lesotho statement also referred to the arrest of an unspecified number of black South African police who, it said, were being held for interrogation.

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'Big 2' wage war of words over arms

WASHINGTON, March 27 (R) — The United States regrets both the tone and content of an interview by Soviet leader Yuri Andropov in Sunday's Soviet Communist Party newspaper *Pravda* on America's newly announced defense policy, the U.S. State Department said.

"We regret the tone and content of Soviet Communist Party leader Andropov's response to the president's speech on defense policy," an official statement said.

"Mr. Andropov, while repeating the false allegation that the administration's defense program represents an effort to attain strategic superiority over the USSR, effectively admits that the Soviet Union's own defense efforts outstrip those of the United States over the past decade.

"This is consistent with the evidence that the USSR's overall defense outlays since 1972, whether calculated in dollars or rubles, exceeded those of the U.S. by a substantial margin.

"The United States has sought to establish stable balances in nuclear and conventional forces at significantly reduced levels through the START (Strategic Arms Reduction Talks), INF (Intermediate range nuclear forces) and MBFR (mutual balance force reductions) negotiations," the department said.

Andropov had dismissed Reagan's scheme to develop an effective anti-ballistic missile (ABM) system as an unrealistic proposal, making a plan to give the United States an invulnerable first strike capability.

The many faces of a U.S. professor

WASHINGTON, March 27 (AFP) — For seven years Professor Arthur Crafton, 59, led not a double but a quadruple life.

Under four different names, in four different higher educational establishments, he lectured on four different subjects.

His teaching commitments entailed a weekly round trip of 750 kms and earned him \$90,000 a year, three times as much as his colleagues.

His first and most durable appointment was as professor of engineering at the George Washington University here, which he held from 1956 until his arrest.

Considered somewhat mediocre by his superiors, he saw his income lag behind that of his colleagues, and began to look around for ways of supplementing it — to pay for treatment for his mentally handicapped daughter, he later told police.

U.S. training Lebanon's Army

BEIRUT, March 27 (AFP) — The United States has started a three-year training project to build the 23,200-strong Lebanese Army into an efficient fighting force by 1986.

The enfeebled army is at present composed of eight brigades, each of 2,900 men, and U.S. Col. Arthur Fintel, in charge of the modernization project, plans to start intensive training on the first phase to build four brigades up to 70 percent of their combat potential.

At Ouzai, a few hundred meters from Beirut's International Airport, 15 tough U.S. Marines were training 350 men of the Lebanese Army's 63rd Battalion on a sandy barracks ground.

Last October the battalion was sent to maintain law and order in the capital's southern sector.

The troops Sunday listened carefully to orders given by two Marines, standing on a hillside beside their interpreter, and did self-defense exercises and weapons drill.

A Lebanese officer explained that his men went through a six-week training course — two weeks by Marines and four weeks by NCO's of the newly arrived American "Green Beret" special forces.

Shultz optimistic of pullout accord

TEL AVIV, March 27 (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz was quoted Saturday as saying he thought an agreement in the talks over foreign troop withdrawals from Lebanon could be concluded within two weeks.

Simcha Dinitz, a former Israeli ambassador to Washington now active in politics for the opposition Labor Party, met with Shultz in Washington Thursday and told Israel television Saturday that Shultz said he believed that a compromise was possible on the last major problem in the U.S.-Israeli-Lebanese negotiations.

Dinitz said Shultz agreed that the personal status of Maj. Saad Haddad, Israel's closest Lebanese ally, was the only serious problem left. Israel wants Haddad in command of the Lebanese forces in the south, but Lebanon insists on his removal.

Shultz said he thought Haddad could be integrated into the Lebanese Army but he could not be seen to have the same independence from the central government as he had during the Lebanese Civil War, Dinitz reported.

Dinitz quoted Shultz as saying that Syrian would see Haddad's continued independence as a "kind of de facto Israeli presence."

Dinitz said he also heard what he took to be criticism by Shultz and other State Department officials of the Pentagon in its handling of the clashes between Israeli troops and U.S. Marines serving in the multinational peacekeeping force in Beirut.

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger has placed most of the blame for the scrapes on Israel while applauding the Marines for standing up to Israeli soldiers. He also resisted until this week establishing direct communications between the two forces.

The result was a complicated web of impersonations which began in 1976 and did not come to light until recently when he was unmasked by a colleague. In an average week he would leave his Washington home on Monday morning to lecture as Professor Peter Pearce at the tiny Millersville State College in Pennsylvania state.

The same afternoon he would jump in his car to drive west to the University of Shippensburg in the same state to assume his duties as Professor John Hart.

On Tuesdays and Wednesdays he divided his time between the two colleges, returning to teach at the George Washington University here under his proper name.

Then at the end of the week, he would put in a brief appearance as Professor David Gordon at Towson State University in Maryland.

Labor's return will spell crisis -- Maggie

LONDON, March 27 (AP) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has warned that a return to power of the Labor Party would spell Britain again to "lurching from crisis to crisis" at home and abroad.

The prime minister's blast against the opposition party was backed by her top defense, finance and employment ministers in what appeared to be the start of a campaign to renew the Conservative Party's mandate to govern the country.

They were speaking at the annual meeting of the Conservative Central Council, the party's policy-making body which will have the task of drafting the platform for the next national elections which must come before May 1984.

Mrs. Thatcher, however, has the right to set the date for any time prior to that but she gave no hint in the speech when it might be.

The attacks were the first major statements following the special election in Darlington, northeast England, on Thursday in which the Labor candidate was elected with an increased majority but the Tories best of a challenge for second place by the Liberal-Social Democrat alliance.

Defense Secretary Michael Heseltine said the Labor Party wants "to play Russian roulette with the defense of the nation. We believe the stakes are too high.

"The defense of the British people and the Western alliance cannot be made the stakes in a gambler's throw."

Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Geoffrey Howe said an economic policy document issued by Labor on the eve of the Darlington ballot was "even flimsier and more cynical" than any of their previous statements.

Employment Secretary Norman Tebbit said the government intends to end through legislation the practice of trade unions forcing their members to contribute to the coffers of the Labor Party whether they want to or not.

Arafat-Hussein parleys set To map future ties

AMMAN, March 27 (Agencies) — King Hussein of Jordan and the Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization Yasser Arafat were set Sunday to hold a series of "crucial" talks about their future relations in view of the impending royal visit to Washington for discussion which might or might not lead to Jordan joining the "peace process" in the Middle East.

Arafat had earlier met with King Fahd and other Saudi Arabian leaders in Riyadh. Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal has been here for deliberations with both Hussein and Arafat.

In Kuwait, the newspaper *Al-Anbaa* reported Sunday that Saud Al-Faisal was in Amman to try and smooth over differences between Jordan and PLO before activating a peace process with Israel.

It said Prince Saud was to attend the Hussein-Arafat talks and try to "facilitate difficulties facing the two sides."

Saudi Arabia, it said, was keen on coordinating PLO and Jordanian action in the face of what it described as "American pressures on Hussein to get him to play a role in the Mideast peace process."

The paper said that while the Americans were eager to win Hussein participation in the peace drive within the framework of the Sept. 1 proposals put forward by President Reagan, the Jordanian monarch was awaiting a PLO greenlight to negotiate with Israel on behalf of the Palestinians.

The Palestinians have declared they were not giving Hussein any mandate to speak with the Israelis on their behalf.

Al-Anbaa said that Prince Saud had met in Amman with two of Arafat's top aides and discussed prospects of peace with Israel in the contexts of the Reagan proposals and the Arab plan.

The Arab plan was issued last September by the summit conference in Fez, Morocco. The Reagan plan calls for self-government for the Palestinians in the West Bank of Jordan and Gaza in association with Jordan, in return for an Arab recognition of Israel's right to exist.

The proposals stopped short of promising the Palestinians an independent state of their own, and Arafat has complained that the Reagan plan "totally ignores the PLO as the sole, legitimate representative of the Palesti-



nian people."

The Fez plan calls for an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza, with Arab Jerusalem as its capital. The plan also recognizes Israel's right to exist.

The Palestine parliament endorsed in Algiers last month the Fez plan, deplored the Reagan plan as insufficient, but did not reject it.

Saudi Arabia, *Al-Anbaa* said, did not wish in "coercive" the PLO into taking part with Jordan in the forthcoming phase of the Mideast peace process. Rather, it said, the Saudis will sponsor whatever stance the PLO might take on that score.

"Saudi Arabia merely wants to avoid the eventuality of Israel blaming the Arabs for squandering a chance to attain permanent peace," the paper added.

Meanwhile, Western diplomats said among the obstacles facing Hussein is that Washington excludes any negotiating role for the PLO, which Israel does not recognize.

One way around this would be for Hussein to lead a delegation of Jordanians and Palestinians who are not PLO officials, but Palestinian sources said Arafat would find this hard to accept.

Middle East analysts in the Gulf said the PLO chief's unexpected stopover in Saudi Arabia was significant.

It underlined the importance of the planned talks between Arafat and Hussein although the precise reasons for his consultations with Saudi leaders were not clear, they said.

Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the PLO's political wing told Reuters: "The bases for a peaceful solution to the Middle East crisis are establishment of an independent Palestinian state, recognition of the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people and recognition of the right of the people of Palestine to return to the homes from which they have been uprooted."

He added the framework of any Middle Eastern solution was the United Nations, while the Arab Fez peace plan could be the basis for a solution.

An editorial in the *Jordan Times*, which sometimes reflects government thinking in Amman, said it was wrong to expect the Arabs alone to revive Reagan's peace initiative. It was time for Israel to make concessions, it said.

Kuwaiti step to combat slick

KUWAIT, March 27 (Agencies) — Kuwait is exerting itself Sunday to arrange accord in joint action with warring Iraq and Iran to combat a massive oil slick threatening Gulf coastlines. Health Minister Abdul Rahman Awadi announced.

Awadi, who also is executive director of the Organization for Environment Protection, said contacts were under way with Iran to obtain permission for specialized teams who were to sail into war zones and combat the slick.

He expressed hopes that an agreement would be reached within the coming few days, before the teams could be sent to deal with the threat.

In Bahrain, Gulf environment officials said Sunday the slick drifting south from two damaged Iranian oil wells is now about 100 kilometers north of Bahrain and is likely to hit part of the island's north coast in two weeks.

The slick is drifting at a speed of 10 kilometers a day, and if the wind keeps blowing from the northeast it will probably reach the north coasts of Qatar and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in mid-April, they added.

The slick is now estimated to contain 100,000 barrels of oil spread over an area of about 35 square kilometers and the wells are still gushing out some 5,000 barrels a day.

The two wells, one hit by a ship last month and the other reportedly damaged by an Iraqi attack on March 2, are in the Nowruz area, northwest of Iran's main oil export terminal on Kharg Island.

Gulf governments fear the slick may damage vital desalination plants which supply drinking water, and fishing grounds could also be ruined. Qatar, which is wholly dependent on the plants for drinking water, would be the worst affected, the environmental officials said. Bahrain and the UAE also draw on ground wells.

De Cuellar-Andropov talks slated

MOSCOW, March 27 (Agencies) — U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar flew into Moscow on Sunday for talks with Soviet leader Yuri Andropov expected to focus on Afghanistan.

First Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister and Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and other Soviet officials welcomed Perez de Cuellar at Moscow airport, the official news agency Tass reported.

The U.N. chief is expected to remain in Moscow through Tuesday on an official visit

as guest of the Soviet government.

Before leaving London earlier Sunday, Perez de Cuellar told reporters he planned to hold talks with Andropov and Gromyko.

In talks with Gromyko, Perez de Cuellar is also expected to discuss the possibility of strengthening the U.N. Security Council.

Observers in London said earlier that Perez de Cuellar could also evoke the possibility of a visit to New York next fall by Andropov for the U.N. General Assembly session.

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Miteb: GCC housing conference successful

Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, March 27 — Minister of Housing and Public Works Prince Miteb bin Abdul Aziz has described the two-day conference of the Gulf Cooperation Council's housing ministers which was concluded here Sunday as a "big success".

At the conclusion of their meeting, the housing ministers of the six-member council decided to meet annually around this time of the year, and asked their undersecretaries to meet regularly to work out detailed studies on contractors' classification, unifying the standards of consulting firms and the cement study in the region.

Describing the meeting as a "big success", Prince Miteb said the conference has "dealt with the issues tabled in a practical manner." He added that the decisions adopted also dealt with the classification of contractors and firms operating within the GCC countries.

As to whether the conference has decided on a unified list for these companies, Prince Miteb said that regulations governing the activity of these firms and the consulting offices will go for further study to set special classifications for these firms.

The conference held only two sessions to deal with the agenda, thus the ministers found no need to meet Sunday evening as was planned originally. The first working session was held here Saturday evening and lasted three hours. The meeting was addressed first by Prince Miteb who welcomed his fellow ministers on behalf of King Fahd.

In his speech, the prince called for adopting new housing policies by the GCC countries that take into consideration the need for an integrated complexes and not fragmented ones; such a policy needs pooling resources to provide the required capital, building materials and trained manpower. Prince Miteb hoped that the conference will exemplify cooperation between the member countries, especially now engineers, contractors and professionals from the GCC are allowed to work freely in member countries.

The floor was then taken by Abdullah Yacoub Bishara, GCC secretary-general, who said that the role of the conference is to draw up a framework and a base for future work. Dr. Abdullah Al-Quaiz, assistant secretary-general for economic affairs, disclosed that the ministers had reached an understanding on classifying the Gulf contractors who can work in member countries. Also, the building material standard has been referred to the Saudi Arabian Standards Organization, which became a Gulf body for special study.

Meanwhile, Crown Prince Abdullah, the first deputy premier and commander of the National Guard received visiting Omani Transport Minister Salim Nasser Al-Bousaidi here Sunday.

BRIEFS

Sports journalists course
RIYADH (SPA) — A course for Arab sports journalists will be organized in Tunis next month by the Arab Football Federation in collaboration with the Tunisian University. The federation has approved the selection of a number of lecturers from Arab and European countries for the course.

Qatari delegation
RIYADH (SPA) — A delegation from the Qatari Education Ministry has visited King Abdul Aziz Foundation here. The delegation toured the foundation's library, a document center and a memorial hall containing antiquities.

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TOURISM TEAM: A Kenyan tourism promotion team completed a one-week Middle East tour here on Sunday. They made video presentations to travel agents, tour operators and airline representatives at the Hyatt Regency Hotel Saturday. The members of the team are (from left) Charles K. Mwaniki, first secretary (commerce); Muhammad Ali, Middle East marketing manager in the Kenyan Ministry of Tourism; Gerald K. Raichemah, charge d'affaires at the Kenyan Embassy; Jellian Habib, director of tourism and leader of the team; and Said S. Kheir, Kenya Airways area manager for Saudi Arabia and the Gulf.

Promotion team ends M.E. trip

Kenya seeks to boost tourism

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 27 — A Kenyan tourism team has just completed a one-week tour of Dubai, Oman, Bahrain, Dhahran, Riyadh and Jeddah to promote its new campaign, "Jambo ... Meet me in Kenya." (Jambo in Swahili means a hearty hello and welcome.)

Besides its leader, Tourism Director Jellian Habib, the team consists of Muhammad Ali, Middle East marketing manager in the Ministry of Tourism, and Said S. Kheir, Kenya Airways area manager for Saudi Arabia and the Gulf.

"Kenya is not new to Middle East tourists; as far back as the days of the British empire, when it had bases in the Middle East, about 7,000 British families traveled regularly to Kenya during the hot season here to escape the heat and spend holidays along our beautiful coast and inland," said Habib on the last leg of the team's tour in Jeddah.

Even in 1955, before independence, over 50,000 tourists visited the country annually.

This figure, as a result of government tourism promotion measures, has now increased to nearly 370,000 tourists from all over the world, he said.

"In 1963, the hotel industry had less than 6,000 bed capacity, including 1,000 beds in coastal establishments and 300 at game park sites. Today there are 24,000 beds, including 8,000 in Nairobi, 8,000 on the coast and 2,400 in the wildlife area," Habib said.

He stressed that neither the fall in international tourism nor recession has affected the tourist flow to Kenya, which has continuously grown over the years. "Our main attractions include the good climate, warm sea with a 500-kilometer long coastline, wildlife, lakes, natural scenery and surroundings, and different culture of over 40 tribes," he said.

"Some people associate Kenya with wildlife, and of course we have tropical wildlife in abundance, but we have an incomparable sunny coast, mountains, lakes and cosmopolitan cities ranging from Nairobi's modern luxuries to mysterious Mombasa," Habib said.

Charged with forgery

13 persons given jail terms

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, March 27 — A total of 13 persons of various nationalities have been convicted of forgery and given different prison sentences, according to a statement issued by the Ministry of Interior. With the exception of the Saudi citizen, all convicts will be deported and barred from entering the Kingdom upon completion of their terms.

Somo Osman Hussein, Somali, was found guilty of forging a residence permit and was sentenced to one-year imprisonment and a fine of SR1,000.

Adam Muhammad Ali Barnawi, Nigerian, was found guilty of forging a passport and was sentenced to one-year imprisonment and a SR2,000 fine.

Musa Abdullah Ali, Nigerian, was found guilty of forging an identity card and was sentenced to one-year imprisonment and a fine of SR1,000.

Al-Haj Al-Amin Ahmad, Sudanese, was found guilty of forging a residence permit and was sentenced to one-year imprisonment and a SR1,000 fine.

Abdul Mun'im Ahmad Ali, Sudanese, was found guilty of forging a residence permit and was sentenced to one-year and six-month imprisonment and a SR1,000 fine.

Muhammad Ahmad Khadir Al-Duwairi, Saudi, was charged with forging a check. He

was sentenced to one-year imprisonment. Muhammad Rafiq Hakim Ali Muhammad, Pakistani, was found guilty of forging a residence permit and a driving license and was sentenced to two year's imprisonment and a fine of SR1,000.

Abdullah Muhammad Ali, Somali, was found guilty of forging a passport and a driving license. He was sentenced to one-year and six-month imprisonment and a fine of SR5,000.

Muhammad Ishaq Khan, Pakistani, was found guilty of forging a driving license and was sentenced to one-year imprisonment and a SR1,000 fine.

Ali Abdurrahman Abdu Rabuh, Yemeni, and Muhammad Ahmad Gulaid, Somali, were found guilty of forging the seals of a public department in order to produce false residence permits. They were each sentenced to three years' imprisonment and a fine of SR3,000.

Muhammad Adam Ibrahim, Somali, was found guilty of forging a residence permit and was sentenced to one-year imprisonment and a fine of SR1,000.

Hussein Ali Muhammad Mustafa, Egyptian, was found guilty of forging a tender's articles by making amendments and deviations and was sentenced to one-year imprisonment and a fine of SR1,000.

Dr. Solaim clarifies boycott rules

RIYADH, March 27 (SPA) — The boycott of Israel regulations permit the entry of foreign goods marked with a six-sided star or similar marking into Arab markets after establishing they originate from a purely foreign source other than Israel, it has been announced here.

Dr. Solaiman A. Solaim, the minister of commerce, was referring to advice by citizens that a six-sided star similar to Israel's emblem had been spotted on certain imported goods.

Fahd praises Al-Sheikh's efforts

RIYADH, March 27 (SPA) — King Fahd Sunday sent a cable to Agriculture and Water Resources Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh thanking him for the efforts being made to realize the Kingdom's goals in the field of agriculture.

King Fahd's cable was in response to a report submitted to him by Dr. Al-Sheikh on the ministry's achievements in increasing the agricultural and livestock production in the Kingdom.

The report said the Kingdom's wheat production had increased from 3,000 tons in 1978 to 300,000 tons last year and was expected to total nearly 600,000 tons during the current year, showing an increase from one percent to 80 percent in six years.

Referring to poultry and dairy production, the report said the Kingdom had already attained self-sufficiency in the two fields.



Ambassador Muhammad Mohsin

Bangladeshis celebrate independence

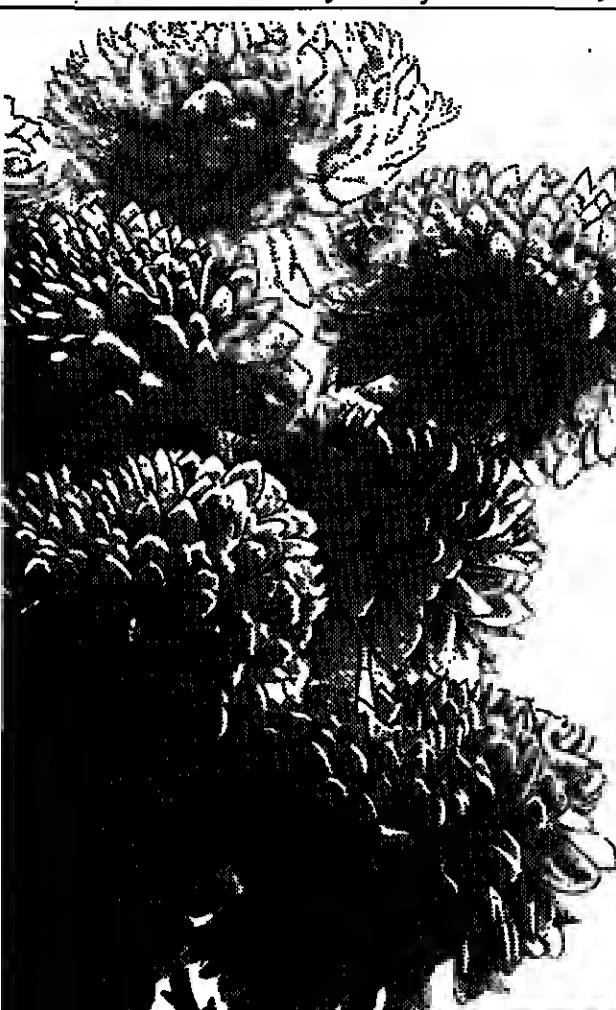
By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 27 — The Bangladeshi community in Jeddah celebrated their country's Independence Day Saturday.

The embassy marked the occasion by holding flag-hoisting ceremony led by Ambassador Muhammad Mohsin. The ceremony was also attended by a group of Bangladeshi officers and nationals as well as students from the embassy school.

In a speech on the occasion, Mohsin recalled the independence struggle and paid tribute to those who had sacrificed their lives for their homeland. He called on the citizens in the Kingdom to redouble their individual and collective efforts and energies for building a prosperous country. "This would be a befitting expression of homage to the souls of our valiant children," Mohsin said.

Frauding the brotherly relations with Saudi Arabia, Mohsin thanked King Fahd for the interest he has shown in the welfare of the people of Bangladesh. Mohsin noted with satisfaction that relations between the two countries "had acquired a new dimension and depth in the economic, commercial, social and cultural fields."



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SR3 billion allocated

Major electrification projects implemented

RIYADH, March 27 — Projects totaling SR3 billion were implemented this year under the current budget of the Ministry of Industry and Electricity, *Al-Madina* reported Sunday.

The Kingdom's electric power generation capacity is expected to reach 15,320 Megawatts under the Third Five-Year Development Plan to face a maximum load of about 11,182 Megawatts caused by the consumption of some 1.3 million subscribers. More than nine million subscribers will benefit from the country's electric power capacity in the near future, according to Minister for Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Alqosbi.

Among major projects whose contracts were signed under the present budget is the Tihama-Assir Central Electricity Project which provides for the construction of distribution networks and branch stations in Daqqa and Namira. The SR77,915,437 project is being carried out by a national firm. It

will take 24 months to complete.

The SR65,507,167 contract for networks to convey electricity to Qunfuzah and Saffa will also be implemented by a national firm within 24 months. The SR55,822,234 network for Majarda and Hurayban will be built by a specialized firm in two years. The SR71,598,432 networks for Mahayel villages will take 24 months to complete.

Another national firm won a SR38,151,890 contract to set up electricity networks in Barq and Mekhwat. A more substantial SR254,557,700 contract was signed by specialized and qualified firm to build within two years nine secondary stations in Qunfuzah, Namira, Mahayel, Majarda, Barq, Daqqa, Orayban and Saffa.

The ministry also recently signed a SR117,225,135 contract with an international company in connection with the Tihama Central Electricity Project. The implementation will again take 24 months. Another SR336 million contract was signed with an international firm for the generation plant of the Tihama-Assir Project. Contracts so far signed for the Assir Central Electricity Project total about SR1 billion.

An international specialized firm has also begun implementing a SR250 million rural electrification project in Qasim.

A SR162,903,735 contract was also signed by the ministry recently in the context of Nijran Electricity Project.

There is also the SR59,251,557 networks project for Nammas villages being carried out by a national firm. The overall cost of the Al-Nammas Electricity Project is about SR62,427,944.



Dr. Ghazi Alqosbi

Arab leaders get messages from Kingdom

JEDDAH, March 27 (Agencies) — A number of Arab leaders received messages Saturday from King Fahd on Arab affairs and bilateral relations.

In Amman, the king's message was handed over to King Hussein of Jordan by Prince Saud Al-Faisal. Meanwhile, in Manama, Bahrain's ruler Sheikh Issa bin Salman Al-Khalifa received Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani who conveyed a message. The meeting was attended by Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa bin Salman Al-Khalifa.

Dr. Yamani told newsmen that during the meeting bilateral relations were discussed, especially in the information field. He said that his visit to Bahrain came within the framework of coordination in preparing for the Arab Gulf States Information Ministers Conference which will be held in Abu Dhabi and the Arab Information Ministers Conference due to be held in Tunis.

At the same time, another message from King Fahd was delivered in Qatar to the deputy ruler and heir apparent, Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, by Saudi Arabia's Ambassador Abdul Rahman bin Hamad Al-Ateyyah.

May inauguration slated for coastal service stations

JEDDAH, March 27 — Two telephone service coastal stations will be inaugurated in mid-May in Dhaban and Khamara which will provide telephone, telex and telegraph services for ships adjacent to the coast of Saudi Arabia.

Walid Kayal, Jeddah director of telephone services, told *Al-Jazira* that the two stations will be connected with a control center in Jeddah which will handle incoming and outgoing messages to ships and service centers which deal with messages from ships.

Kayal said that also during May, a number of other coastal stations will be inaugurated in Dabaa, Wajah, Amraj, Yanbu, Rahiq, Laith, Qunfuda and Gizan. All stations will be linked to the Jeddah control center with microwave networks.

Jeddah plans modern market

JEDDAH, March 27 — The present sheep and cattle market here will be replaced by an ultra modern one that will cost SR15 million, *Al-Bilad* reported Sunday. The new market will be built near Jeddah stadium. It will have canopies, running water, car parking spaces and other facilities.

Animals will be slaughtered in the same market. A spokesman for Jeddah Municipality said that the market will be large enough to avoid overcrowding during peak seasons, such as the Eid-Al-Adha period when pilgrims buy sheep by thousands for the ritual sacrifice.

Qattan inaugurates Cleanliness Week

JEDDAH, March 27 (SPA) — Dr. Muhammad Ali Qattan, assistant mayor of Jeddah, has inaugurated the third Cleanliness Week here.

Addressing citizens attending the inauguration ceremony, Dr. Qattan stressed that the aim of the event was to show the effect of cleanliness on the country's cultural development.

Dr. Abdullah Al-Zaid, director general of education in the Western Province, who attended the ceremony, said the occasion demonstrated cooperation among those concerned in the region and stressed the need for students to keep their districts and streets clean.

Arabic-learning texts prepared by institute

RIYADH, March 27 (SPA) — The Arabic Language Institute, affiliated to the Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University has written a series of 36 Arabic books for non-Arabic speakers.

The institute's director, Dr. Abdullah Al-Hamid, told *Al-Maseyya* newspaper that while experimenting with these books, the institute would take the views of students, participants and teachers.

Dr. Hamid said more than 60 experts from the university and other educational and cultural organizations had prepared the books for those wishing to learn.

1,405 visa violators detained in past month

RIYADH, March 27 (SPA) — Some 1,405 foreigners have been detained within the past month for entering the country illegally or for working for different sponsors, according to figures released here.

Indian team suggests joint ventures

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 27 — Joint ventures, management services and careful market studies are being proposed to local businessmen by a high-powered Indian team representing the Birla group of industries.

Birla's Overseas Operations General Manager M.D. Khurana has arrived leading a team of seven top executives from different divisions of the Birla group. He has been on several previous visits to the Kingdom, the most recent last October, which was followed up by a visit of a Saudi Arabian business delegation to India in November.

The team will collect data and conduct market studies to work out the feasibility of various projects.

"We employ nearly 400,000 employees in nearly 350 units manufacturing all types of items produced in India," he said. "We have a large number of experts, researchers and professionals in various areas of specialization, including sophisticated technology."

"This time we hope to concentrate on cooperation in agriculture, hospital management and industry," Khurana said. "The Birla group has established 14 cement factories in India with an annual total production capacity of 10 million tons."



BIRLA INDUSTRIAL TEAM: Different types of technology and management services are being proposed by an Indian team which recently arrived in Jeddah on an exploratory visit. The members of the team are (from left) Shiv Singhal, R.L. Maheshwari, M.D. Khurana, Brig. S.C. Bhattacharyya (rtd.), Dr. Subrata Das and V.M. Manglik.

According to Khurana, his firm has established four asbestos plants in Egypt, Iraq and Iran on a turn-key basis. The group, with an annual turnover of more than \$5 billion, was among the first entrepreneurs from India to offer joint ventures abroad. The first such venture was the establishment of a textile manufacturing plant in

Ethiopia in 1960.

The group now has 35 projects being carried out independently or jointly in Britain, West Germany, South Korea, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia, Nepal, Nigeria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Burma, Kenya and Uganda.

Fashion fair set in Bahrain

By a Staff Writer

MANAMA, Bahrain, March 27 — The first annual spring "Motheha/Childexpo" a textile and fashion trade fair will take place here at the Diplomat Hotel from April 14-17.

Jacques Prieur, a Motheha/Childexpo spokesman said that a similar textile and fashion trade fair has been held in Dubai for the last five years and has been very successful. Its organizers have now decided to sponsor their sixth event in Bahrain.

"The event has become so popular with trade buyers that we have decided to make this international trade fair a twice-yearly event," Prieur said. "Motheha/Childexpo will be staged in Bahrain each spring and in Dubai in autumn, so that we will be able to meet seasonal demand and present up-to-the-minute designs."

The 1983 spring fair will take place from April 14-17 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. each day. Motheha will include men's and women's ready-to-wear fashions, fabrics, home textiles and fashion accessories. Childexpo features children's clothing, toys and child-care products and is supported by exhibitors from 16 different countries.

Kharj supplied water

KHARJ, March 27 — Houses not linked to the principal water network here will soon begin receiving drinking water from the Kharj branch of the Water and Sewage Department. Provision has been made for the next year for 291 million gallons of drinking water to be supplied to the area, according to *Al-Jazira*.

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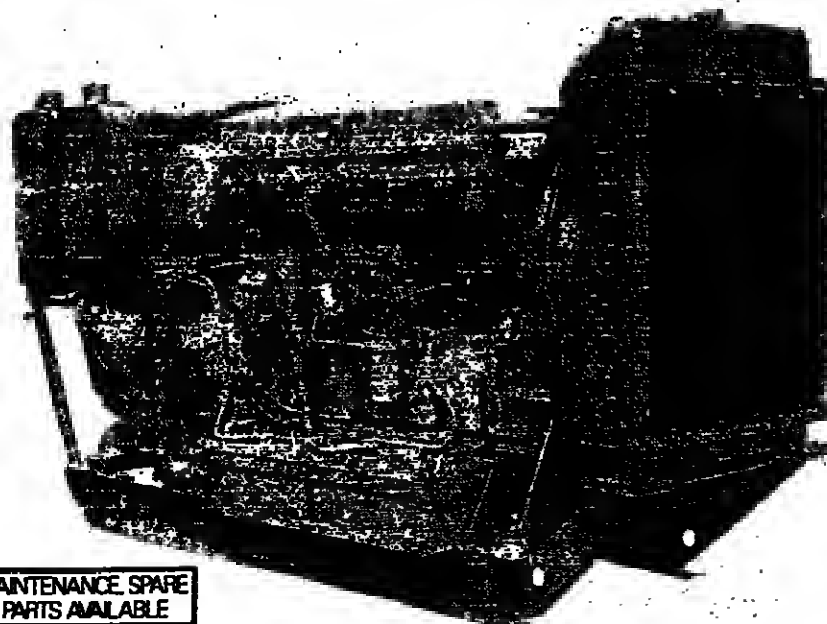
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260 schoolgirls affected

Jews blamed for mass poisoning in West Bank

TEL AVIV, March 27 (Agencies) — About 150 schoolchildren in the occupied West Bank town of Jenin Sunday became ill in a mysterious bout of poisonings which has claimed over 260 victims in four days, military and health ministry sources said.

The 150 girls complained of headaches, dizziness and burning eyes — symptoms similar to those suffered by 36 schoolgirls in the nearby village of Araba on Friday and 56 girls at another Jenin school Saturday.

A spokeswoman for the Health Ministry, said the police were investigating the cause of the poisonings. Arab sources have blamed Jewish settlers in the area.

On Saturday, Israeli officials said 92 Palestinian school children have been admitted to hospital with symptoms of poisoning apparently caused by a gas-releasing chemical

spread on their class room curtains. They said the pupils from Jenin and Araba were treated after they complained of dizziness and partial blindness in their classrooms.

In the Araba incident Friday, investigators at first believed the poisoning came from sewage fumes. When another 56 schoolgirls in Jenin showed the same symptoms Saturday, health authorities determined the illness was caused by the chemically-treated curtains, the officials said. The two schools have now been closed.

Local Palestinian sources said the number of girls admitted to hospital could reach 500, but so far there has only been official confirmation of about 100.

The families of the stricken children staged a demonstration Sunday against what they called the "criminal poisoning."

Egypt boosts border patrols

TEL AVIV, March 27 (Agencies) — Israel radio Saturday quoted a senior government official as saying Egypt is patrolling its border with Israel more carefully to prevent commando infiltrations into Israel.

The unnamed official, who is based in the Negev desert in southern Israel, reportedly said Egypt decided to increase its border patrols after five Egyptians were killed and four others were injured last month when they drove over mines in the Negev a few miles from the Egyptian border.

Israeli officials were said to have raised the infiltration issue during bilateral talks earlier this month at the Egyptian port of Ismailia.

The radio quoted the official as saying Egypt recently prevented a car bomb from being driven into Israel. It did not say what happened to the driver of the vehicle.

In another development, a delegation from the European Parliament, led by Luc Beyer de Ryke of Belgium, discussed Middle East developments with President Hosni Mubarak Saturday at the start of a four-day visit to Egypt.

The chairman of Egypt's parliamentary foreign relations committee, Muhammad Abdullah, said the 11-member delegation repeated to Mubarak the European Community's position that there is a need for "a Palestinian homeland as a manifestation of the right of the Palestinians to self-

11 Pakistanis killed in train collision

ISLAMABAD, March 27 (AFP) — At least 11 persons died and a dozen were injured Sunday when a passenger train collided with a truck near Lahore, official sources said.

The crash occurred in the sidings at Kot Lakhpat station, where a truck loaded with coal reversed into the side of the train killing nine persons standing on the foot board, the sources said.

Ten demonstrators injured in Lebanon

BEIRUT, March 27 (R) — About ten persons were injured Saturday when demonstrators protesting against arrests by the army clashed with security forces in the southern slums of Beirut, security and hospital sources said.

State-run Beirut radio quoted the Internal Security Forces (ISF) as saying that one of their patrols fired in the air to disperse about 500 demonstrators who had stoned it.

Shots were later fired from the crowd at police reinforcements before the Lebanese Army arrived and restored order, the radio quoted the ISF sources as saying. Numerous arrests were made, it added.

Jumblatt in Moscow

MOSCOW, March 27 (AP) — Lebanese politician Walid Jumblatt met Soviet officials in Moscow Saturday in a session which condemned U.S. and Israeli policy toward Lebanon, Tass said.

It said Jumblatt's talks with alternate Politburo member Boris Ponomarev and Karen Brutents, deputy head of the international affairs department of the Communist Party central committee concerned international and Mideast affairs.

The official news agency quoted Jumblatt as speaking highly of "the role of the Soviet Union in safeguarding peace and security of the peoples."

Jumblatt also thanked the Soviets for supporting Lebanon's right to sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity, Tass said.

BRIEFS

DAMASCUS (R) — Eight Israeli soldiers held by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) have been moved from eastern Lebanon to another Arab country because Israel was planning a military operation to free them, an official Palestinian source said Sunday. The source declined to name the country to which the prisoners have been taken.

ABU DHABI (R) — British Foreign Secretary Francis Pym will pay an official three-day visit to United Arab Emirates (UAE) starting on April 4, the official Emirates News Agency said Sunday.

TEL AVIV (AP) — An Israeli pilot and his daughter suffered moderate injuries Saturday when his civilian plane crashed in the countryside north of Tel Aviv, police said.

ANKARA (R) — Former Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit said Sunday he has been given permission by martial law authorities to attend a Socialist International congress in Portugal next month.

KUWAIT (AP) — British Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Douglas Hurd and Kuwaiti Finance Minister Abdul-Latif Al-Hamad on Sunday discussed a wide range of financial issues resulting from the recent decision by OPEC to reduce oil prices.

UAE still groping to stamp its identity

ABU DHABI, March 27 (AP) — The 11-year-old federation known as the United Arab Emirates is struggling to establish its identity. The federation is a major contributor of foreign aid to Third World countries. Its sparse native population is swollen by a million expatriate workers and their families.

Its two major city states, Abu Dhabi and Dubai, are tidy metropolises of about 300,000 people each. Showplace skyscrapers rise along wide avenues lined by palm trees and green grass nurtured by drip irrigation. The government says all natives have been settled in newly built towns around the country.

Less than a decade ago one needed a four-wheel drive vehicle to travel here. Now the emirates are linked by five four-lane highways across the scrubby deserts of the west and the rugged granite mountains of the east and north. The traveler is never far from the gas flare of an oilfield.

The infrastructure needed to make this desert bloom — desalination plants, irrigation, hotels, office buildings, housing, schools, hospitals, ports, airports and industries — is nearly complete.

There is deep concern that the rapid change of the 1970s and the overwhelming reliance on foreign labor has robbed the natives of their culture and the simple ways of the desert.

Editorial writers complain their children are learning Hindi from Indian housemaids before Arabic. There is an official effort to segregate natives from expatriates.

Islamic courts are playing a bigger role in

the legal process, despite the civil code. Two years ago, an Indian convicted of raping and killing a girl was publicly executed by firing squad in Ras El-Khaimah. There have been public lashings of Muslims who broke the ban on drinking alcoholic beverages.

Sheikh Zayed has established the Center for Documentation and Research in the family fortress. "This is the first effort to record and analyze the history of the emirates," said the director, Egyptian-born Dr. Muhammad Morsi Abdullah.

The federation was declared in 1971, the day after the British pulled out after nearly 150 years of policing the Gulf. Sheikh Zayed is the driving force behind the federation. He was born in about 1915 in the Jahili fortress in the inland oasis of Al-Ain, and he ruled the eastern province until 1966 when he deposed his brother. Al-Ain is now the most rapidly growing city in the UAE and the most heavily populated by natives.

Abu Dhabi, with oil production that has reached 1.5 million barrels a day, is the richest of the emirates, followed by Dubai, which produces 360,000 barrels daily. Western diplomats said Sheikh Zayed's money, political skills and popularity in the region forged the federation and keep it together. The federation is still loose. The constitution is a provisional document that is renewed every five years.

The Dubai Brigade of 6,000 men is autonomous from the other 35,000 in the national armed forces. Foreign aid is doled out by each emirate independently. The UAE is a member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, but Dubai is not and

Jordanian, Palestinian ties stressed

AMMAN, March 27 (R) — A senior PLO official was quoted Sunday as saying that Jordanian-Palestinian relations constituted the basis for any future political moves in efforts to find a just solution to the Palestinian problem.

Abdul Rahim Ahmad, member of the executive committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), also told the English-language *Jordan Times*: "Any attempt to cast suspicion over this relationship serves only the interests of those who conspire against the Palestinian people and inflict damage on the Arab struggle for unity in general."

The statement by Ahmad preceded an expected visit to Amman Sunday by PLO leader Yasser Arafat for talks with King Hussein on how to speed up the Middle East peace process.

Ahmad, now in Amman after a PLO executive meeting in Tunis, said that despite the "bitter experience which the PLO had with the American administration, particularly in Lebanon, the resolutions adopted by the Palestine National Council (PNC) in Algiers (last month) have kept the door wide open to any political settlement which fulfills the aspirations of the Palestinians to statehood and self-determination."

Ahmad said the U.S. administration was "hostage to its own narrow interests in the area, ignoring Arab aspirations."



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sells its oil on the spot market.

There are four international airports along the coast. Those in Abu Dhabi and Dubai are busy, but the airport in Sharjah has only about three flights a day and Ras El-Khaimah has just two. A new one is being built at Al-Ain.

Dubai's drydock was inaugurated in 1979, but only recently found an operator and has yet to be used. It has the capacity to service a one million ton super-tanker, but a ship that size has yet to be produced. There is a similar facility in Bahrain.

Dr. Franke Heard-Bey, a political scientist and author who works at the Center for Documentation and Research, blamed over-zealous Western salesmen for leading the sheikhs into some of these overkill projects.

"Very often, these things resulted from the irresistible pressure of someone out to make a buck," she said.

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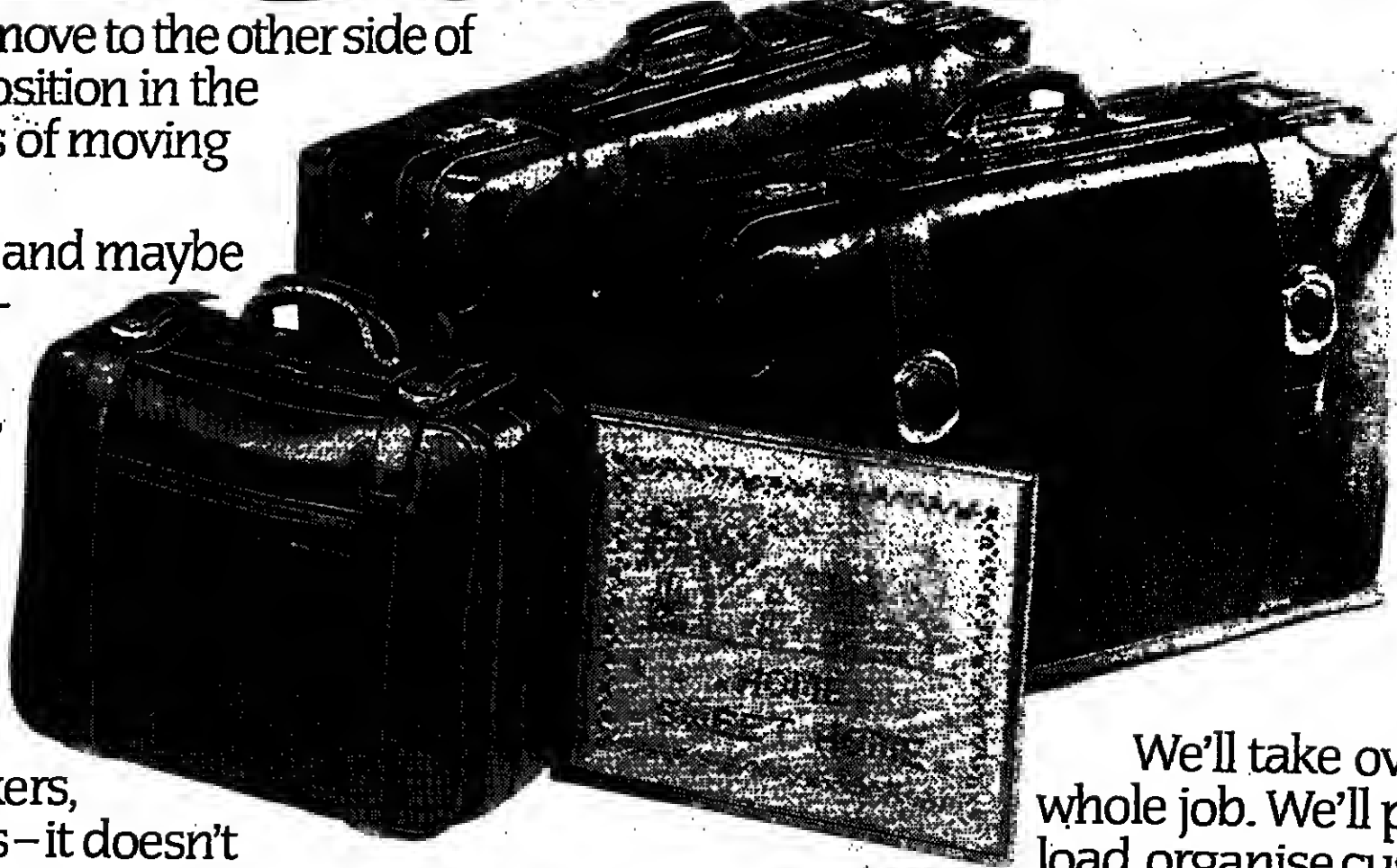
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U.S. adviser shot in Salvador accident

SAN SALVADOR, March 27 (AP) — An American Green Beret officer was shot in the leg in an accident and two persons were killed in an apparent attempt to assassinate a conservative member of El Salvador's Constituent Assembly, sources said Saturday.

The Green Beret, one of about 55 U.S. military advisers stationed in El Salvador, was shot through his right leg when a pistol carried by another adviser went off accidentally as they traveled by truck from a training site east of the capital.

An American Embassy spokesman said six U.S. advisers and four Salvadoran soldiers were returning to their quarters in the capital from the Ilopango Air Base when one adviser bumped against the side rail of the truck, accidentally firing his .45 caliber pistol.

The bullet passed through the right leg of the Green Beret officer and lodged in the left calf muscle of a Salvadoran private, the spokesman said.

The adviser, whose identity was withheld for security reasons, was driven to a military hospital here. The embassy spokesman said he would be shipped out of El Salvador within 48 hours for medical treatment elsewhere. He said the officer's injury was not serious.

In other developments, a pistol-firing gunman Saturday morning shot to death two men as they emerged from the home of Juan Francisco Puquique, a representative on the Constituent Assembly of the conservative Authentic Salvadoran Institutional Party, which controls nine of 60 seats in the assembly.

The two men were entering a cab when the unidentified assailant stepped out from behind a nearby tree and emptied a pistol clip

into them, killing both instantly, a reliable political source said.

The names of the victims were not immediately available, but one was said to bear a close resemblance to Puquique, leading to speculation that Puquique was the intended target of the attack, the source who requested anonymity said. Puquique was not immediately available for comment.

It was the second incident of political violence apparently aimed at ranking assembly members in less than a week. A woman driver for Roberto d'Aubuisson, arch-rightist president of the Constituent Assembly, was kidnapped Wednesday when unidentified attackers crossed their car in front of hers and dragged her off, relatives said.

In battle action, fighting continued Saturday in two northern provinces and a national guardsman died in an ambush near the Pacific coast in the eastern province of Usulután, military sources said.

Three other guardsmen were wounded in the ambush, near Puerto el Triunfo, 65 miles southeast of the capital on Friday, guard sources in the city of Usulután said.

Meanwhile, a 2,000-man army operation in northern Chalatenango province was winding down Saturday, according to military sources and reporters returning from the combat area said.

Various reporters returning to the capital from Chalatenango said they saw at least 30 troops heading toward the capital down the main north-south highway linking Chalatenango to the rest of the country.

There was no immediate word on results of the drive involving the U.S.-trained 1st and 2nd battalions that started last Sunday.



SPACE CREW: Members of the Space Shuttle system stand at their new job area, the Spacelab, at the Kennedy Space Center Friday. The members (from left) are: Dr. Robert A. Parker, mission specialist; Dr. Byron K. Lichtenberg, payload specialist; Dr. Ulf Nerbold, payload specialist from Germany; and Dr. Owen K. Garriott, mission specialist. The STS-9 mission is scheduled to be launched in September.

220 Chileans detained after street rioting

SANTIAGO, March 27 (R) — Chile's military government, condemning a violent outburst of street rioting as subversive, kept more than 220 young men and women behind bars Saturday facing possible charges of breaking security laws.

Interior Minister Enrique Montero said the country was back to normal after hundreds of demonstrators rioted in Santiago and other cities on Thursday night, hurling stones at police from behind street bar-

ricades. The demonstrations, following a string of dynamite blasts in this capital city, were listed as among the most acrimonious outbreaks of anti-government feeling since the armed forces came to power in 1973.

Gen. Montero termed the rioting as "subversive and violent," going beyond the bounds of a demonstration.

The detainees must be set free within five days of their arrest or be charged with break-

ing state security laws. Anonymous leaflets had urged the demonstrations to protest official handling of an economy in which unemployment has reached 19 percent and inflation 23 percent.

The government's relations with the Catholic church, already at a low ebb after three foreign priests were expelled last week on charges of involvement in politics, deteriorated further when two priests were arrested during Thursday's demonstrations.

Asian states plan ties on EEC pattern

NEW DELHI, March 27 (AP) — Foreign ministers of seven South Asian countries will meet later this year to boost greater South Asian cooperation, Indian officials said here Sunday. Officials from the seven — India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Pakistan and the Maldives — would meanwhile begin three days of talks in the Bangladeshi capital Dhaka on Monday to decide on the date, venue and issues.

The ministerial meeting was likely to be held before September, and will be the first of its kind in the region. Officials, for their part, have met three times since 1980 to identify issues.

The idea for greater regional cooperation was first mooted by the late Bangladeshi President Zia-ur Rahman. The initial proposal was for a summit, but some countries suggested a more modest beginning with options left open.

The original idea was some sort of an association on the lines of the five-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) or ten-member European Economic Community (EEC). "The idea is still very much there... We have been working on basics and are trying to identify areas of cooperation and the extent we can go," one official said.

The three rounds of talks by officials so far have led to the establishment of working groups and sub-groups on cooperation. Sectors identified so far are agriculture, rural development, telecommunications, meteorology, health and population, while cooperation has been suggested over transport, postal services, science and technology. Most officials now feel that experience so far has been encouraging.

Rightist undecided on poll

SAN SALVADOR, March 27 (R) — Right-wing leader Roberto d'Aubuisson hinted that he might not stand in El Salvador's presidential election later this year because of an international propaganda campaign against him.

He told a rally of his National Republican Alliance (ARENA) party: "To say the name D'Aubuisson is a sin. If we, with this name, with this word, are not going to win I will not run. If D'Aubuisson has to go, then D'Aubuisson will accept this."

D'Aubuisson, president of the Constituent Assembly, and his conservative forces gained substantial control over El Salvador's government in U.S.-sponsored elections last year.

But U.S. officials in both San Salvador and Washington have said his extremism makes him an unreliable ally. His opposition to economic reforms and alleged ties to right-wing death squads made congressional support for El Salvador even more tenuous, they said.

D'Aubuisson did not close the door on his candidacy. He urged his party to analyze domestic and international opinion for the next party rally which will nominate a presidential candidate and said he would listen and abide by their recommendations.

Many ARENA members voiced strong support for him, saying he was the only man who could represent them in the election.

Clark's widow backs artificial heart

FEDERAL WAY, Washington, March 27 (AP) — Barney Clark was "very happy" to have the world's first permanent artificial heart, and others considering the operation should "go for it," Clark's widow said Saturday.

"This has been an awe-inspiring experience for our entire family," Una Loy Clark said at a news conference. She was flanked by her two sons, Gary and Stephen Clark, and daughter, Karen Shaffer.

"He never gave up. He never stopped trying and he never, ever in my presence uttered a word of complaint," she said. "That will help you know how dedicated he was to this project." She added, "I'm very proud of him."

When Clark died, "I felt he had had enough and I was very relieved to see him at peace," she said. He was "very happy" to have the implant, "although he suffered greatly" until his death Wednesday, she said.

Mrs. Clark also delivered a message of thanks to people "from all over the world" who expressed their affection for the medical pioneer and his family. That is the message Clark, a retired 62-year-old dentist, would deliver if he were alive, she said.

Mrs. Clark and her daughter returned to the Seattle area from Salt Lake City on Friday night. It was the first time Mrs. Clark had

been back to her home in Des Moines, south of Seattle, since Clark entered the University of Utah Medical Center for the Dec. 2 operation.

Clark died Wednesday night from collapse of his circulatory system and failure of several organs.

Meanwhile, Dr. Robert K. Jarvik, inventor of the heart, said in Salt Lake City the second implantation of an artificial heart could come within a few months, and probably will be no more than six months from now.

Jarvik told a group of high school science students Friday night that the next patient may be healthier than Clark was when he became the first recipient of a permanent artificial heart.

"Everyone would like to have a patient who was not on the brink like Dr. Clark was, someone who really needed it because he is going to die, but at a time when most of the organ systems are in pretty good shape," Jarvik said.

Clark, a 62-year-old retired dentist, suffered emphysema as a result of 25 years of smoking, Jarvik said. "No matter how well the heart did, it could not improve the emphysema," he said.

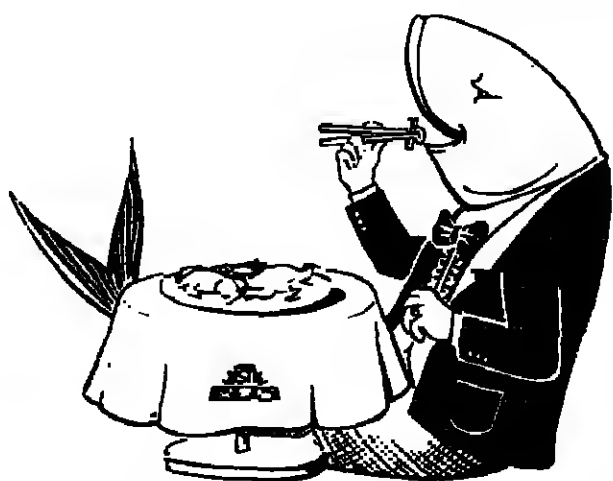
Jarvik said physicians often separate themselves emotionally from patients, "but this was an exceptional case."

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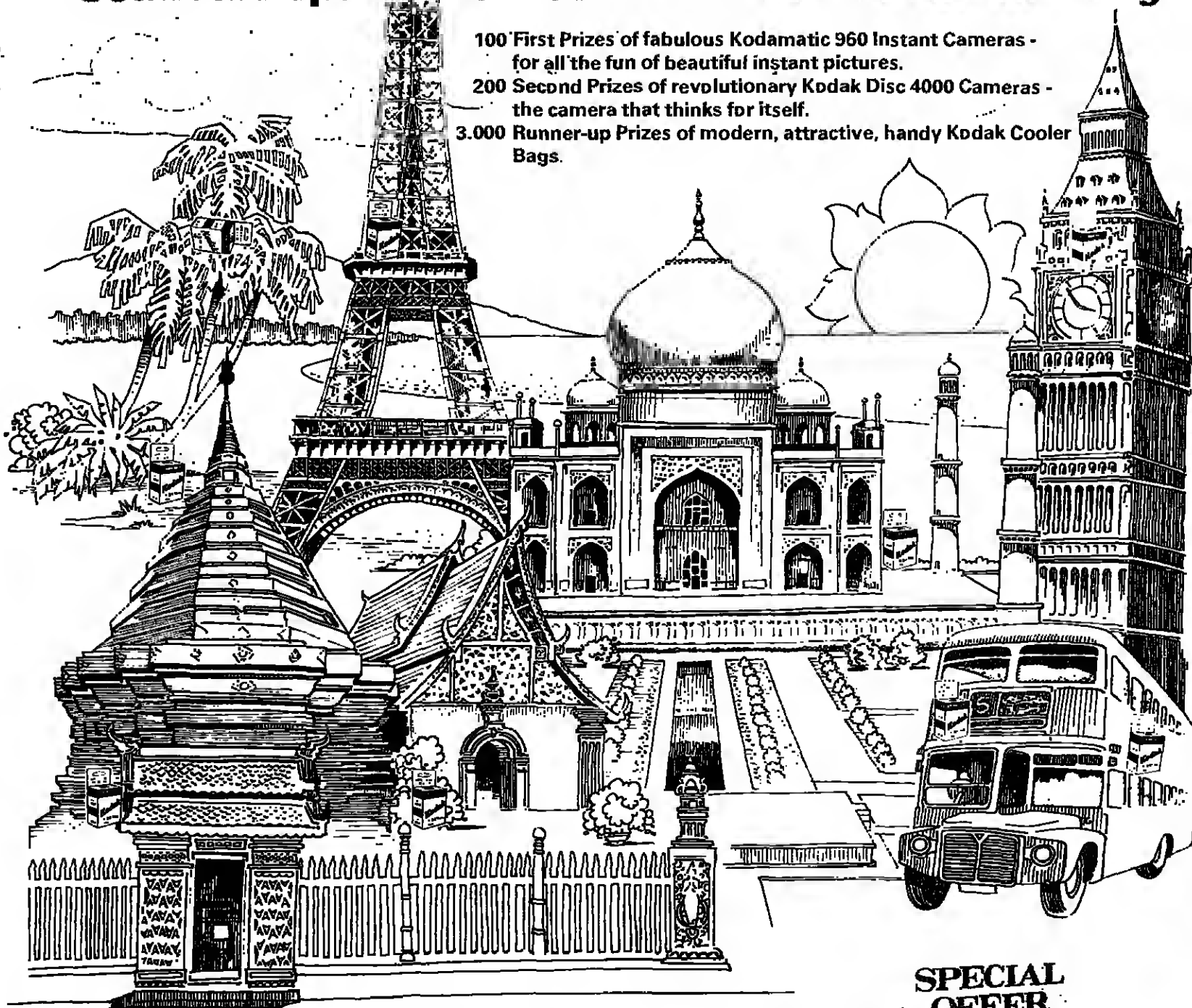
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Ethiopia said diverting food aid to buy arms

LONDON, March 27 (AP) — Famine-relief food sent to Ethiopia is being diverted to the Ethiopian Army and to the Soviet Union to help pay for armaments, *The Sunday Times* reported.

Only the "tiniest proportion" of the Western aid reaches those who need it, the weekly said. It was told by its source, an unnamed senior official in Britain.

The official asked anonymity because he has relatives still living in Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital, the report said. *The Sunday Times* said the official related that grain shipped by countries in the 10-nation European Economic Community to the Red Sea port of Assab "is regularly relabeled and loaded on to Soviet vessels bound for Russian ports."

It said the official held a post in the government insurance organization which gave him access to export-import documents. He said home-grown Ethiopian grain and locally milled flour are also being exported to the Soviet Union, despite the famine.

Correspondents in Ethiopia have reported estimates of more than two million people starving there.

For the past week, harrowing pictures have been shown on television of children dying in their parents' arms in makeshift camps, populated by poor farmers and their families who trekked to them in hope of finding food aid, after their fields and livestock were devastated by drought.

The Sunday Times said the European Parliament will next week discuss these and other allegations about what is happening to the aid for Ethiopia.

The report quoted John Bennett of Durham University, England, and James Firebrace of the British charity, War on Want, as saying that vegetable oil, flour and butter-oil from the EEC and the World Food Program were found in Ethiopian Army camps overrun by guerrillas fighting the military regime in the northern Tigray province.

A British woman, Mary Dines of the Eritrean Relief Association, was quoted in the report as saying that of 17,500 metric tons of cereals and 18,000 metric tons of wheat dispatched by the EEC in 1981, "none got through to the people who need it and virtually none is getting through now."

Mrs. Dines said much of the aid feeds the Ethiopian Army "but an increasing amount is going to Russia. Food aid is about the only currency the Derg (the ruling military council) has, and there is growing evidence that much of it is being re-exported on Soviet cargo ships, almost as soon as it arrives," she said in the report.

The Sunday Times quoted a relief official in Tigray, Dr. Solomon Inqai, as saying that foreign aid sent to the government would reach only a small proportion of the "millions of people affected by the drought" even if none was diverted, because most of the drought victims are in areas not under government control.



DROUGHT VICTIMS: Victims of the worst famine in Ethiopian history wait anxiously as an officer distributes water at a relief camp in Tsenat, Wollo province, recently. The famine, affecting an estimated 3.5 million people, is created by Ethiopia's most prolonged drought.

Spy claimed credit for Korea War outcome

LONDON, March 27 (AP) — Donald Maclean, the British spy who died in Moscow on March 6, boasted that his spying for the Soviets "dictated the course and outcome of the Korean War," *The Sunday Telegraph* said.

The weekly newspaper, said in a front-page dispatch from its Moscow correspondent John Miller that the British diplomat who fled to the Soviet Union in 1951 claimed that he "gave Stalin on a plate every significant secret decision on the (Korean) War taken by President Truman."

Defeated Fraser quitting politics

CANBERRA, March 27 (R) — Former Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser said Sunday he would quit politics on Thursday, just 26 days after his conservative government was swept from power by the Labor Party. The election defeat was a bitter blow to Fraser, who in calling the snap poll eight months before his government's term was due to expire was confident the electorate still supported him.

Fraser, 52, who had headed the Liberal-National Party coalition government since

1975, said in a statement that resigning after 28 years in parliament had been a sad and difficult decision. Fraser quit the Liberal Party leadership immediately after the March 5 election and was succeeded by Andrew Peacock, a former foreign minister.

The four were students at Cambridge University in the 1930s, members of a century-old Philosophical Debating Society which became a recruiting ground for Soviet agents.

There will be a by-election in Fraser's constituency in the state of Victoria, giving new prime minister Bob Hawke and his government their first electoral test since gaining power. No date has been fixed.

Miller said, "the Soviet source spelled out at some length Maclean's remarks about the part he played in formulating Soviet and Chinese policy during the Korean War, which broke out on June 27, 1950, when North Korea invaded South Korea."

In October of that year, Miller said, Maclean was appointed head of the American department at the British Foreign Office in London and "quickly went to work reading in on the progress of the war and the steady American and British advance to the Yalu River."

"In the crucial month of November, he began passing to his Soviet control in London the top secrets on the conduct of the war which were flowing via his Foreign Office desk between the White House and No. 10 Downing Street," headquarters of Prime Minister Clement Attlee.

Miller added: "Every key decision taken by President Truman landed on his desk and he knew that the American president had forbidden Gen. (Douglas) MacArthur to bomb the bridges over the Yalu River, fly reconnaissance over the area or engage Chinese aircraft in hot pursuit."

Ex-Swazi official hiding in S. Africa

JOHANNESBURG, March 27 (AFP) — Ousted Swaziland Prime Minister Prince Mabandla Dlamini was Sunday in hiding at a secret address after his sudden arrival in South Africa Saturday threatened to cause diplomatic tension between the two neighbors.

It was not known if the prince had asked for political asylum or wanted to go elsewhere, but South African Foreign Minister Roelof 'Fik' Botha was quick to stress on television Saturday night that his government "would not act in any manner which will harm or damage our relations with Swaziland."

Unconfirmed reports said that Prince Mabandla, who was replaced last week as prime minister by Prince Bhekimphi Dlamini after a power struggle, had been warned that if he stayed in Swaziland he would be put on trial for high treason.

Botha said he had been in touch with Prince Bhekimphi before Prince Mabandla crossed into South Africa with his family through a regular frontier post with his travel documents in order. The ousted prime minister was "tired" and had said he wanted to be left alone, Botha added.

Prince Mabandla fell after losing a battle with conservatives on the Ligoqo, the supreme council which is currently advising the Queen Regent Dleziwe, the former chief wife of King Sobhuza who died last August.

In February Prince Mabandla ordered the arrest of two of the Ligoqo's 17 members for alleged sedition. They were released after his dismissal.

The new prime minister, formerly deputy labor minister, is said to be closer to the traditionalists in the Ligoqo and the royal family, of which he is a member although not one of King Sobhuza's 600 sons.

He is reported to be opposed to the African National Congress, the anti-apartheid movement banned in neighboring South Africa, which had received some support from Prince Mabandla. The new prime minister is also in favor of South Africa's plans to cede part of its territory to Swaziland, giving the little kingdom access to the sea and more than doubling its population of 600,000.

U.K. heralds new time

LONDON, March 27 (AP) — Britons lost an hour's sleep Sunday as clocks were moved forward one hour to start British summer time. A chilly wind in London after a dull and windy Saturday heralded little sign of warm weather.

The official time for putting the clocks forward was at 1 a.m. (0100 GMT). So 1 a.m. became 2 a.m., which means that Britain will be one hour ahead of GMT until the clocks go back again Sunday Oct. 23.

Sunday was also the start of summer time in the rest of Europe, except Albania and the Soviet Union. The latter will put clocks forward April 1. The reason for summer time was originally to give farmers more evening daylight to bring the harvest home.

BRIEFS

LONDRINA, Brazil (AFP) — Toxic substances used in the maintenance of plantations in the Parana region of southern Brazil have seriously intoxicated 859 workers in less than five months, an agriculture office report revealed. Worst-hit were cotton plantations where three of 459 workers affected died in the fields, the report added. A total of 25 farm workers in the region, aged between 15 and 30, had tried to commit suicide by swallowing the products, during the crop gathering season, it said. At the same time toxic products had caused serious problems for the environment, killing millions of fish and animals every year and destroying plants.

NEW DELHI (AP) — Chakrapati Raju, 74, regarded as a doyen of Indian journalism, has died in New Delhi. Raju, author of six books, including a biography of India's first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, was chief editor of the pro-government *National Herald* newspaper for 32 years until his retirement in 1978. Since then, Raju had been writing political commentaries for some newspapers. Raju collapsed at a wayside tea shop Friday evening. His body was identified Saturday.

COLOMBO (AFP) — Prime Minister Ranasinghe Premadasa left here on a six-day visit during which he will hold talks with leaders of governments on matters pertaining to the expansion of both investments and assistance to Sri Lanka, the premier's office said. He will visit the Republic of Korea, the United States, Britain, France, Finland and Kuwait.

NEW DELHI (AP) — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi says she feels insulted at being described as "the only man in the cabinet." The 65-year-old leader told a delegation of teachers and education officials who met her Saturday that "I regard it as an insult. It may not be (insulting) to men, but to me it is." The description has been used by journalists to contrast Mrs. Gandhi with the feeble men who serve under her.

TEQUISQUIAPAN, Mexico (AP) — A passenger bus slammed into a station wagon at a highway intersection near here Saturday, killing eight persons and injuring four, police said.

NORTHPORT, Florida (AP) — Australian Steve Wallenda claimed new world records Saturday for the longest and fastest stroll on a high wire. Wallenda was on the high wire for three hours and 31 minutes. His time and distance bettered 1969 records set by Henri Rochetaud of Clermont-Ferrand, France, who covered 3,790 yards in three hours and 59 minutes. Those records are listed in *The Guinness Book of World Records*. Wallenda's 4,166-yard walk also set a world standard for his 100 turns.

MALMOE, Sweden (AP) — An Estonian ballet dancer on a tour in Sweden Saturday night left his troupe and requested political asylum citing political reasons, police said. The man, a 29-year-old member of the Estonian ballet, left his teammates at Nassau north of here Saturday evening. He then took the train to Malmo, where he and a Swedish friend contacted authorities.

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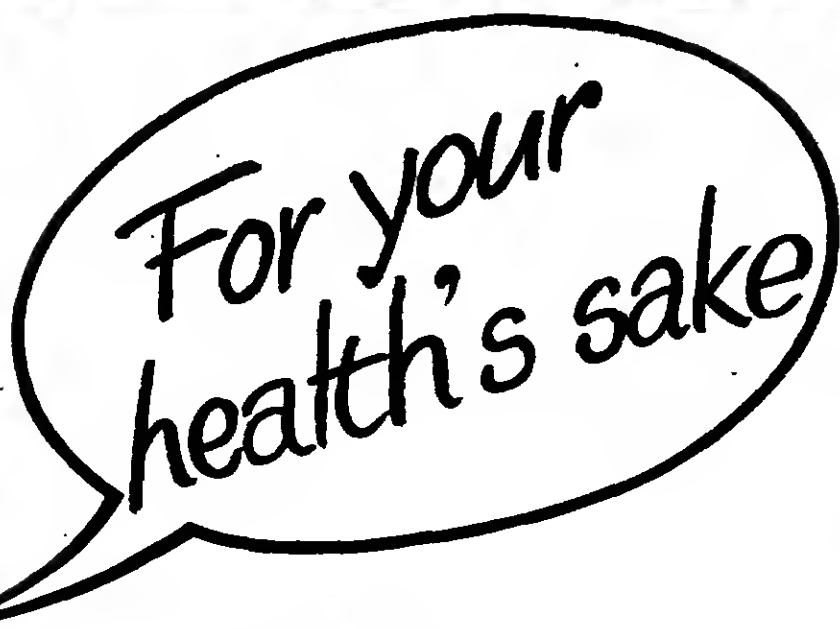
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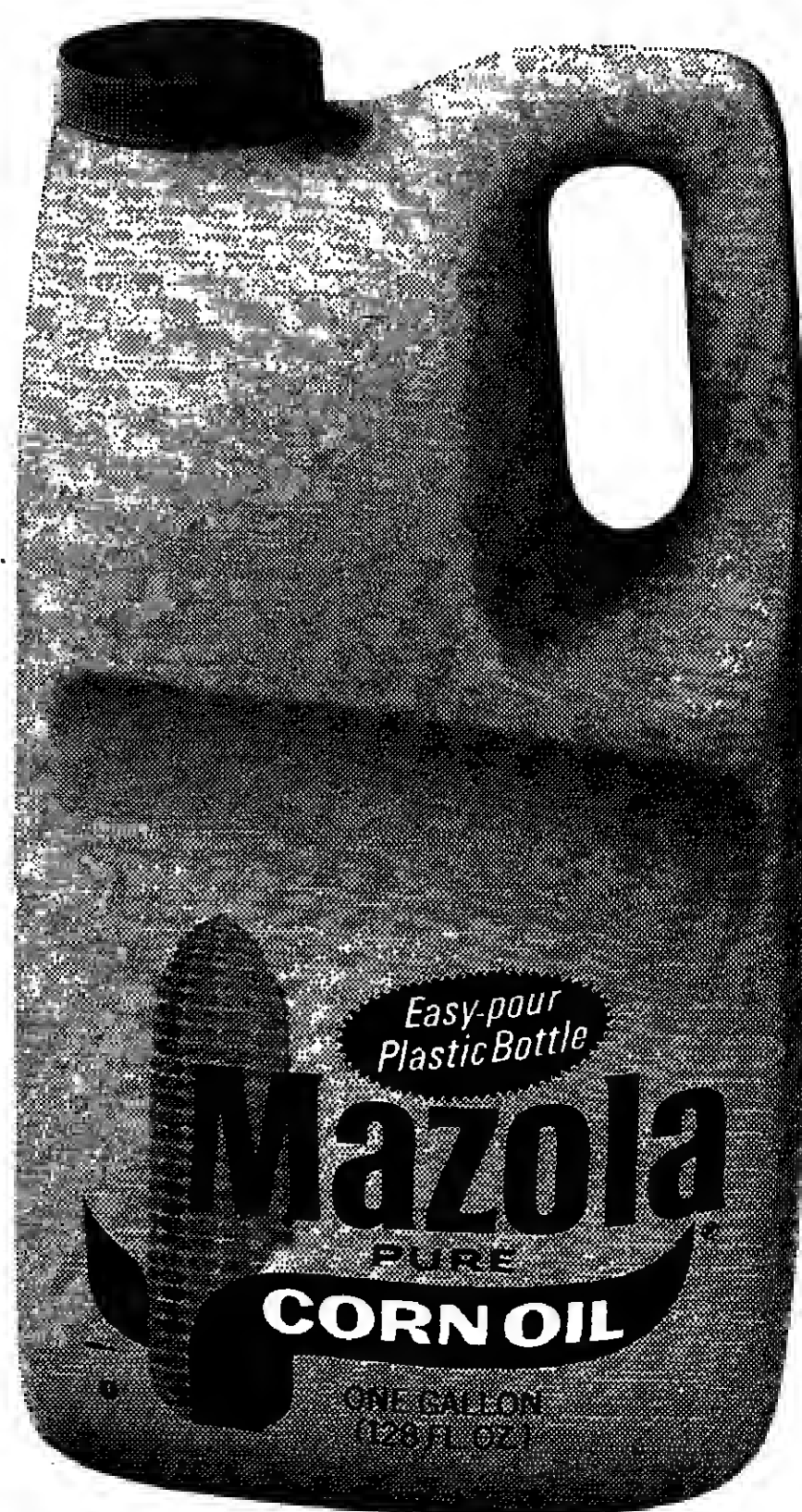
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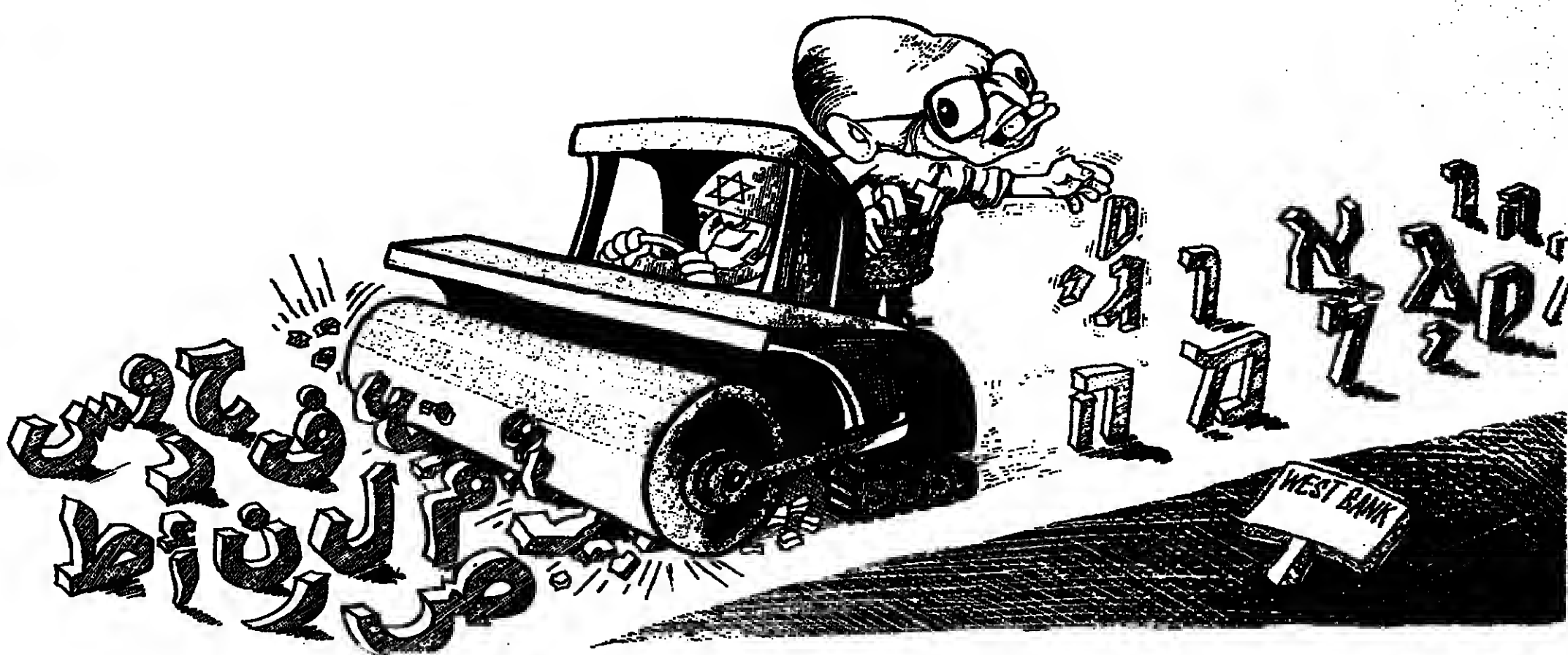
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Shultz recounts Reagan's soft line toward Israel

By Michael Adams
Special to Arab News

(This is the second extract from the imaginary memoirs of George Shultz who served as U.S. secretary of state under ex-President Reagan. Shultz recalls a moment toward the end of March 1983 when relations between United States and Israel came near to breaking point.)

After our meetings in Washington, the Israeli foreign minister returned to Israel on March 16, leaving the president and myself profoundly discouraged. It was evident to us that the Begin government had no intention of withdrawing from Lebanon and that we had to make a critical choice. Either we must have a showdown with the Israelis or else we must concede defeat for the Reagan plan. Whatever we decided to do, the consequences would be momentous.

We decided to wait for a week after the departure of Shamir, to give his government time to consider his account of the discussions he had had with us in Washington. It was possible that in resisting all our suggestions Shamir had been bluffing; or that, on reflection, Begin and his colleagues would decide against provoking us any further. They had plenty to lose by doing so. Their decision would rest on how far they thought we would go in bringing pressure to bear on them.

The president called a meeting of the National Security Council for March 21. That would be the day after the Israeli cabinet's regular Sunday morning meeting, at which we expected a decision to be taken. We had to work out our own strategy if the Israelis decided to stand firm on their refusal to withdraw from Lebanon.

When we were all assembled on the morning of March 21, the president asked me first of all to outline the advice of the State Department. By then we had spent many hours discussing the problem and the department's advice, with which I agreed,

was unequivocal. If we did not take a firm stand with the Israelis now, we should sacrifice our last chance of getting a Middle East peace agreement with which the Arabs could accept. I put to the council the arguments on which this advice was based.

Our commitment to the security of Israel, I said, was unquestioned; but it was necessary to be clear about the nature and the purpose of that commitment. We provided arms and very large amounts of economic assistance to enable Israel to maintain its independence in a hostile environment. Our assistance was not intended to provide automatic support for Israeli policies over which the United States exercised no control.

U.S. aid to Israel represented a substantial burden for the American taxpayer. It was reasonable to impose this burden on him, so long as it contributed to the security and prosperity of the United States. It was not reasonable to continue to impose it when the assistance provided was used by Israel to frustrate American policy and to endanger our relations with countries whose cooperation we sought.

If Israel now remained in occupation of South Lebanon and was allowed to complete its effective annexation of the West Bank and Gaza, it was our opinion that no overall peace settlement would be possible in the Middle East for another ten years, and that in the meantime the security of the Gulf region, which was vital to the United States and its allies, would be placed in jeopardy.

For the last 15 years, successive American administrations had worked on the assumption that Israel was a loyal ally whose cooperation we could best ensure by meeting all its needs and by making it feel the stronger Israel had become, the more openly it had disregarded the advice and the wishes of the United States, over Jerusalem, over the annexation of the Golan Heights, over the settle-

ments on the West Bank and now by its refusal to withdraw from Lebanon.

Our allies in Europe (not to mention the Third World) had been alienated by our partisanship for Israel and the disregard which this had entailed for principles we claimed to uphold. It appeared hypocritical for us to challenge the Russians over self-determination and human rights in Afghanistan when we ourselves ignored them in the case of the Palestinians.

It was at least arguable — and our European allies were urging this — that we should obtain better cooperation from the Israelis if we exercised closer control over their actions. This was in a position to do, since the Israeli economy was now very largely dependent on the assistance we provided. There could be no question of allowing any threat to Israel's security; indeed, we had already turned Israel into a regional superpower. But any reduction in U.S. economic aid would very soon lower the standard of living and this would embarrass the Begin government and might make it more amenable to advice.

In the light of these considerations, it was my advice and that of the State Department that we should warn the Israeli government that it would not be possible to maintain the level of U.S. economic assistance if Israeli forces were not withdrawn from Lebanon within, say, two months.

When I had finished speaking, there was a long silence. I had the impression that most of those present agreed with my analysis but that there was present in the minds of all of us the same thought. No one voiced it at the time and it was only a couple of hours later, after we had been engaged in a long and sometimes heated discussion about the likely reactions of the Arabs if we simply did nothing and allowed the Israelis to get away with it, that someone — I think it was Vice-President George Bush — said in my ear as we were leaving: "You were per-

fectly right, George; but you know as well as I do that Reagan won't buy it — and that even if he did he would never get it past those Zionists up on the Hill, not with the election coming on."

And of course it was he who was right. The 1984 election was just over a year and a half ahead. The Democrats' candidates were already coming forward and they were looking out for our weaknesses. It would have taken a brave senator to vote for sanctions against Israel in the spring of 1983. That is why the Israelis stayed in Lebanon and we all had to go through that terrible summer, with things going from bad to worse on the West Bank until in the autumn we had the old, familiar, dreadful spectacle of refugees pouring over the Jordan: women with young children scared out of their lives and old men clutching their wretched bundles, all of them in flight from what people were calling the new holocaust.

This time, though, when the television cameras caught them at the bridge and the interviewers managed to get a word out of them, it was not just the Israelis who were shooting their menfolk and burning their homes that they cursed. It was us, the Americans, who sat watching them in the safety of our own living rooms, whom they saw — and hated — as the real cause of their agony.

And it was true: they suffered because of our failure, and it was a failure not of power or intelligence, but of will. In Arthur Koestler's phrase, we were "accomplices by omission", so that we had no just cause for complaint when our embassies and libraries and oil installations became targets for the rioters who swept through the capitals of the Arab world. We had not done what we should have done and what it was in our power to do to prevent all this, and we paid our share of the price.

And the irony of it is that we lost the election anyway.

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Pope murder plot charge mars Bulgaria's success story

By Larry Garber

This Balkan country was writing its version of a Communist success story when a Turkish gunman shot the pope in 1981. Now, Bulgarians say their budding prosperity triggered a campaign of lies about them from the West and from their old enemies, the Turks.

The nation of 9 million people celebrated the 105th anniversary of its Russian-aided liberation from Turkey this month amid material plenty that is probably unprecedented in Bulgaria, historically one of Europe's least-developed countries.

Shoppers on Georgy Dimitrov Boulevard, the capital's main street, picked their way through streetside clothes racks, vegetable stands and citrus displays basking in the early morning sun. Some Russian tourists milled among the crowds, gaping at the goods for sale.

In the past three years, the state has taken some cautious steps toward loosening central control of the economy, although there are no plans for a radical departure from the Marxist plan system,

said Dr. Ivan Iliev, a professor at the Higher Institute of Economics.

But a shadow has fallen on Bulgaria's good times since Nov. 25, when Sergei I. Antonov, an official of the national airline, was arrested in Rome in an investigation of the attack on John Paul II. He was later implicated in a purported plot to kill Polish labor leader Lech Walesa, and his defense has become a national rallying point.

Western news stories of the affair — and speculation that Bulgaria was acting at the bidding of its good friend the Soviet Union — cause many Bulgarians to bristle. "Why don't you like Russians," demanded a local man in broken Russian upon learning that his table companion was an American journalist. "Why don't you like Bulgarians?"

Until now, the Western press had a place of honor in Bulgarian history. In 1876, American and West European reporters rallied international opinion against Turkey with their accounts of bloody massacres of Bulgarians by Turks. A year later, Russian troops marched in to liberate the country.

With no prominent dissident community and no economic problems like Poland's or Romania's, the

"Bulgarian connection" has become the West's weapon against one of the most stable and successful Soviet allies, said several local journalists, including Vladimir Subev of the newspaper *Narodna Armia* (people's army).

Bekir Celenk, a Turk wanted in Italy and Turkey for smuggling and currency offenses is officially said to be under Bulgarian "government control." The reputed head of a contraband ring operating from Sofia, he was recently questioned by an Italian prosecutor.

Italian press reports say Celenk offered \$1.2 million to Mehmet Ali Agca to kill the pope. Agca is serving a life prison term in Italy for the May 13, 1981 shooting, and most of the press allegations linking Bulgarians to the affair are attributed to him. Celenk has denied any connection to the gunman.

The Agca offer and other illicit deals took place in Sofia's luxury Vitosha Hotel, according to numerous unconfirmed accounts here and in the West.

Foreign diplomats maintain that smuggling goes on, and that in this tightly controlled state, it could

One year after the adventure

Falklands War slipping into history

By Leslie Dowd
and Robert Powell

LONDON (R) — Argentina's armed seizure of the Falkland Islands is a year old next month and already there are signs that for ordinary Britons the war that followed is slipping into history.

The 11-week conflict in the icy South Atlantic winter has nevertheless left Britain with a legacy of diplomatic and financial problems that will have to be resolved some time in the future.

The anniversary will be somewhat low-key in Britain, where the seizure is remembered for graphic television film beamed from Buenos Aires showing Argentine personnel carriers in Port Stanley. Britons watched them with incredulity and apprehension.

Until then few Britons had heard of the Falkland Islands. After that it was hard to find one that did not know something of the colony, with its 600,000 sheep and only 1,800 inhabitants.

Now, nearly a year later, 13 books have been published on the Falklands War and Margaret Thatcher has visited the islands in triumph, the topic is fading rapidly.

In fact, there is evidence many Britons would be happy to let the episode slide into history. Two out of three persons questioned in a recent Gallup Poll felt Britain should now try to agree the colony's future with Argentina. More than half said it was not worth 400 million sterling (\$600 million) a year to defend the islands.

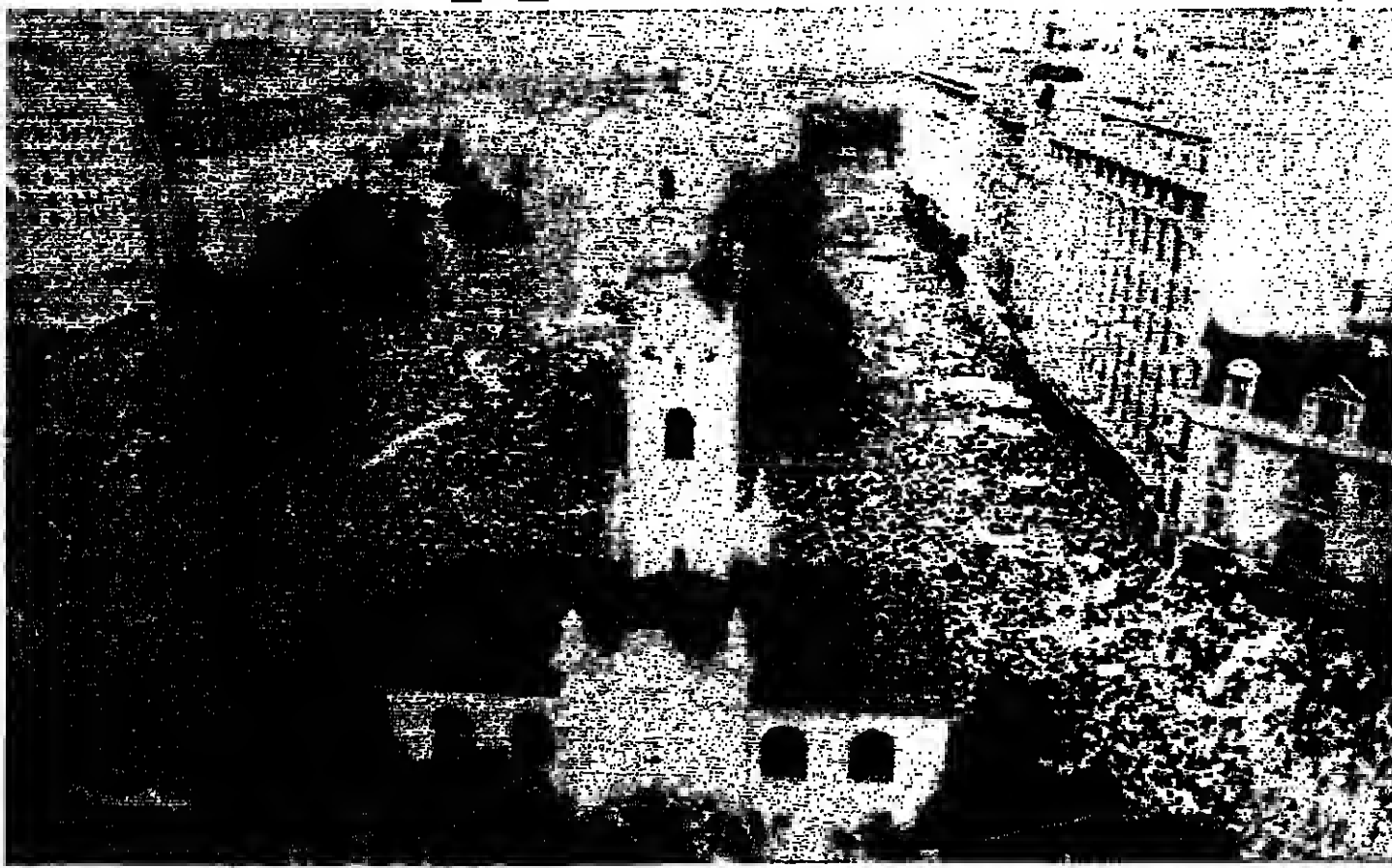
Now that passions have faded, some sort of balance sheet of its results can be drawn up. There is no doubt that the swift victory, at 8,000 miles distance, gave a huge boost to Britain's morale and reawakened self-confidence, supposedly weakened by decades of national decline.

"The campaign confirmed that the British people and their government have the will and the resolve to resist aggression and the fortitude to withstand setbacks and casualties," concluded the Conservative government's official report. "The deterrent position of the NATO alliance as a whole has been strengthened," the government said.

On the other hand, Britain now has an open-ended commitment to defend a tiny, far-flung colony which will have cost some 2.5 billion sterling (\$3.7 billion) by 1986, well over one million sterling (\$1.5 million) for each islander.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is clear that, even if Argentina takes the still-awaited step of formally declaring hostilities at an end, any talks would be limited in scope.

"There is no question of negotiating the sovereignty of the Falkland Islands," she



THEY WANT DEMOCRACY: The Argentine capital, Buenos Aires, last December witnessed a huge anti-government demonstration to press for a return to democracy. The demonstration staged in the historic Plaza de Mayo left numerous police and protesters injured.

recently told parliament "it would be a betrayal of those who fought and died." She declared that Britain had no option, in view of Argentina's refusal to budge on its sovereignty claim, but to follow a "Fortress Falklands" policy.

But Britain is coming under international pressure to negotiate, even from friends like the United States that backed London during the Falklands War, and few Britons doubt that some day the talking will have to start.

British policy is that sovereignty will not be ceded against the wishes of the inhabitants. But the handful who opposed the war, such as Labor opposition parliamentarian Tam Dalyell, who asked 300 questions about the conflict in the House of Commons, think the islanders cannot hold a veto on British policy in perpetuity.

Foreign Secretary Francis Pym seemed to be holding out the prospect of some gentle persuasion when he recently said: "When the islanders have had a chance to recover and consider their future we shall be consulting them about their views."

Argentine capital is rife with rumors of coup bids

By Jimmy Burns

Buenos Aires (LOS) — Argentina is bracing itself for a potentially explosive anniversary of the Falklands invasion of April 2 last year.

Its military rulers are beset by deepening economic crisis and growing political divisions, and coup rumors are multiplying daily. Some reports this weekend say President Reynaldo Bignone will be lucky to see next week through.

Bignone's cabinet has failed to stop the nose-dive back to the hyperinflation of eight years ago. The cost of living is now growing at an annual rate of close to 400 percent, the highest inflation in the world.

A government attempt to arrest the decline with price controls for over 1,000 leading companies has been openly criticized by the employers.

The government is also under pressure from the main trade union organization, the Peronist-controlled General Confederation of Labor (CGT), which has been threatening a national strike Monday to press for wage increases of over 20 percent and greater political freedom.

The major test of union-government relations is expected on Wednesday (March 30), the date fixed by hard-line union leaders for a protest rally in front of the presidential palace. The rally has been called to commemorate the first anniversary of a similar anti-government demonstration last year which was violently suppressed by the then President General Leopoldo Galtieri.

Within the military, Bignone is now widely dismissed as a moderate who is badly managing the transition period toward the elections set for Oct. 30. Young officers are putting

Labor politician Dennis Canavan, back from a fact-finding trip to the islands, said: "We would be deluding the islanders if we said 'Fortress Falklands' was going to go on forever."

British warships patrol the waters round 'Fortress Falklands' while 4,000 soldiers and a squadron of Phantom jets stand guard, ever alert to the possibility of Argentine raids.

On the other side of the divide, Argentina now looks back on its invasion of the islands as a poorly thought out military adventure which was doomed from the start.

The wave of public euphoria which initially greeted the April 2 invasion rapidly turned into deep disillusionment after British forces recaptured the islands 10 weeks later. Political leaders, who last April welcomed the Falklands' forced incorporation into Argentina after 150 years of British rule, today denounce the armed forces for having launched the country into a war it had no chance of winning.

Even senior military officers who held top command positions during the brief war now admit in private that Argentina set out to fight against impossible odds. With the U.N. Security Council condemning Argentina as an aggressor and the U.S. and NATO backing Britain, Argentina's bid to defend the islands could not succeed, the officers say.

Nevertheless, last year's military setback has not dented Argentina's resolve to press its claim to sovereignty over the Falklands by all possible means. The recovery of "our Malvinas" is the top priority of Argentine foreign policy and one of the few points on which the ruling military junta and civilian political leaders agree.

Public opinion does not censure the armed forces for having tried to seize the islands by force, but for having failed after a string of other economic and political failures during seven years of military rule.

Since the armed forces seized power in 1976, the foreign debt has mushroomed to \$38.7 billion from \$10 billion. Living standards have plummeted amid economic recession. In addition, the armed forces' ruthless crackdown on leftist guerrilla movements resulted in the disappearance of thousands of civilians whose fate the government is now being called to account for.

The war was a crowning humiliation for the military rulers and led them to promise elections on October 30 this year and a return to democracy in January, 1984. The Falklands invasion anniversary is therefore a very low-key occasion.

No official ceremonies are planned for April 2. But on April 4 which has been declared a public holiday a series of memorial services will be held in military camps around the country in honor of the 800-odd Argentine servicemen killed in the conflict.

Military sources say that for the first time in Argentina television stations may also show battle scenes filmed by camera crews accompanying the British task force.

Over the anniversary period, a delegation of parents of Argentine servicemen who went missing in combat will be touring Western Europe in search of information which might indicate that their sons are still alive as pris-

oners in Britain or refugees in other countries.

Meanwhile, Argentina has launched a diplomatic offensive to increase international support for its claim to the Falklands and to force Britain to resume negotiations. The offensive has yielded two main victories. Last November, the U.N. General Assembly passed a resolution backing Argentina's claim to the Falklands and calling on Britain to resume negotiations on the future of the islands under U.N. auspices. A similar resolution was passed by the nonaligned summit in New Delhi this month.

At the same time the Argentine armed forces constantly keep the 4,000-strong British military garrison in the Falklands on its toes. Senior military officers stress in public that Argentina is still technically at war with Britain (Buenos Aires has so far refused to sign a formal ceasefire with Britain) and may one day see fit to make a new attempt to seize the islands by force.

According to diplomatic sources, Argentine fighter planes regularly approach the 150-mile protection zone which Britain has declared around the Falklands, probing British defenses. Argentina is also gradually replenishing military equipment lost in the conflict and buying new weaponry to fill the gaps in its defenses which battle experience revealed.

However, military officers acknowledge in private that it will take several years before the Argentine armed forces are in a position to launch a fresh invasion of the Falklands.

Responsibility for last year's invasion and for the conduct of the war remain politically explosive issues within the Argentine armed forces. This is a particularly sore point in the army, where many senior commanders at the time of the Falklands conflict continue to hold top posts. A joint services commission under the chairmanship of retired Gen. Benjamin Rattenbach is drawing up a report on how the war was planned and carried out, in order to dissipate such tensions.

Although the Falklands dispute continues to be a highly emotive issue in all sectors of Argentine society, it has been pushed into the background as a domestic political issue by the demand for a transition to democracy and public concern over the country's economic crisis. Politicians' speeches seldom fail to mention the Falklands, but they concentrate on the urgent need for an elected government and a radical change in economic policies to pull the country out of recession.

Extreme right-wing groups occasionally muster a few dozen people for anti-British demonstrations, but there is no generalized feeling of resentment against the British among the population as a whole. Indeed, British visitors to Argentina since last year's conflict are usually surprised by the cordial treatment they receive, despite the continuing lack of diplomatic relations and trade embargo between the two countries.

A commonly held view is that the Falklands conflict was an act of madness caused by the stubbornness of political leaders in both London and Buenos Aires and that really the British and Argentine people have no good reason to be enemies.

Another Look

Unfinished interview with Professor Quark

By Robert Youkum

Using one of the world's most powerful atom smashers, Italy's Carlo Rubbia, 48, and his team of 134 European and American scientists appear to have shared a trophy that has been the dream of physicists for two generations: discovery of the so-called W particle, the elusive carrier of one of the universe's basic forces...Rubbia's team identified both W-plus and W-minuses. They did not, however, find any Zs. —Time magazine

"Before we begin the interview, Professor Quark, I'd like to ask about your name. As you know, quark is also the name given by scientists to an atomic particle. They lifted the word from James Joyce's book, *Finnegans Wake*."

"Balderdash! The particle was named after me! I found the little rotter while looking for an entirely different particle, which, since I didn't find it, still doesn't have a name."

"Mmm. Well, you must be excited about the discovery of the W particle. And you must also be proud of your colleague, Professor Rubbia."

"Not especially. It's no big deal."

"No big deal?! It got thirty seconds or more on the evening news!"

"So did Preparation H, Super Poli-Grip, and nasal spray."

"Are you trying to provoke me? Is this another one of those interviews where the object is to insult the guest?"

"Not at all. I was merely trying to get you to agree that Professor Rubbia's discovery was a major—"

"Rubbia! Rubbia! I'm tired of that name! With 134 helpers he should have been able to find a cold cure and Jimmy Hoffa."

"All right! All right! We'll go on to the search for the Z particle. How is it going?"

"Well, first I'd like to make clear that I don't have a big shiny Super Proton Synchrotron like what's his name. No 540 billion volt blasts for me! Even so, I can produce quite a charge. I have this kite attached by wire to a Jacuzzi filled with protons and antiprotons. When a thunderstorm comes along, WHAMBO!"



"Frankly, professor, that sounds like sour grapes. I thought scientists were relatively free of jealousy and backbiting."

"Nonsense! You should have heard the nasty comments by other scientists about my paper entitled 'The Big Bang Theory and Cosmic Overpopulation.'"

"But news stories said the discovery involved several years of work of a team of 134 American and European scientists. It cost \$100 million just to rebuild the Swiss atom smasher!"

"News stories, schmooz stories! What do they know? The W particle was just sitting around waiting to be discovered. It was about as hard as finding a basketball in a bathtub."

"Then why didn't you discover it?"

"It was too easy. A snap. The real challenge is to find the Z particle."

"We'll get to that in a minute, but first I'd like to point out that one scientist compared the task of finding the W particle to finding a missing person in a crowd of a billion people. And they had to generate a 540 billion electron volt charge to blast the W particle loose! That hardly sounds as though it was sitting around waiting to be discovered."

"Atomic particles all over the place, eh?"

"I assume so, but the problem is recording the little monsters. As you may know, we look for evidence of particles on photographic plates."

"Yes, I know."

"But when lightning hits it also blows up the photographic plates. Sometimes the Jacuzzi goes, too. Last time, as a matter of fact, I lost most of the terrace and our duck, Boson. Fried him to a fare-the-well."

"I'm sorry to say this, professor, but it doesn't sound to me as though you are anywhere near discovering the Z particle under such primitive conditions. As you know, those particles vanish in less than a billionth of a second. You need very sensitive equipment."

"A billionth of a billionth of a second? Say, that's awfully fast! My film speed is only four hundred! I'll ask the drug store if they've got something faster."

"Good idea, professor. Why don't you rush down to the drug store right now?"

"But what about the interview and your listeners?"

"I'd be surprised, professor, to find that we had any listeners left. Now get going!"



COMMON COLDS AND UNCOMMON FEARS

By Peter J. Steincrohn M.D., F.A.C.P.

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: I confess to two weaknesses: a fear of the common cold and absolute hypochondria about being in crowds during epidemics. In the winter season, I become an actual social outcast. I stay indoors. I don't go to restaurants, movies or shopping. When someone in our family comes down with sneezing or coughing, I actually cringe in a corner. I admit I'm a cold phobic. I think it all goes back to my grandfather dying of pneumonia that started out as an ordinary cold. It made an impression on me when I was a youngster. Is there anything to do about it? Is there anything new in treating colds? I know that antibiotics are useless. —Mrs. T.

Dear Mrs. T.: I recall one patient who felt he was dying of colds most of his life. He, too, feared pneumonia. Yet, he lived into the mid-eighties and died in an auto accident. Whether it's cancer, heart disease, colds or any other ailments, fears are often misplaced or premature. All we can do is take proper precautions in fighting disease — whatever it is. As for colds, I suppose you've heard of the usual remedies. (And you're correct in saying that antibiotics are of no value in lessening the severity of colds — only good for use in complications.)

There's no reason to keep away from movies or doing your shopping — just try to stay away from anyone who is sneezing and coughing all over the place. Sometimes, that's not possible. All you can do is cross your fingers and hope for the best. If and when a cold comes on, get into bed for a few days (for your own good and not to spread it around), take aspirin, hot drinks, soup (chicken?), stay out of drafts and keep warm. If fever continues, better have it investigated. Otherwise, Mrs. T., there's not much else you can do.

MEDICALETTES

(Replies to and from readers)

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: I wish you'd warn parents about the dangers of toys. Our child had a near-miss with a missile-type contraption. Just far enough away to save his eyesight. —Mrs. E.

Dear Mrs. E.: Such warnings bear repetition. For example, I've recently received a news release from the American Academy of Pediatrics with just such a warning: it urges parents to become aware of the potentially dangerous aspects of toys and includes the following safety tips:

- Read up on the newest toys and safety hazards.
- When buying toys, consider the child's age, personality, experience and environment.
- Supervise your young child's play.
- Teach your child to store toys safely and away from traffic areas, stairs and younger siblings.
- Choose toys that cannot cause burns.
- Avoid electrical plug-in toys unless you plan to supervise.
- Choose toys made of or containing non-toxic materials and with lead-free paint. For small children, avoid toys made of small parts that can be swallowed.
- Plastic toys should have rounded edges and not easily broken.
- Oversized bikes are dangerous. Don't buy a bike to "grow into."

(Tomorrow: Heart patients and air conditioners)

SELF-SERVICING

WRITTEN & DRAWN BY BILL CALDWELL

PAINTING WITH A SPRAY GUN
PART IIHAVING PUT ON THE PRIMER
COAT AND ALLOWED IT TO DRY...

IF THERE IS ANY UNEVENNESS, RUB DOWN THE SURFACE OF THE PRIMER COAT WITH WET-AND-DRY PAPER (4-20 GRIT) USING PLENTY OF WATER WITH IT.

NOTE MASK AND
GOOGLESMASKING
TAPE

RINSE OFF WITH CLEAN WATER AND DRY WITH A CLEAN CLOTH.

SPRAY ON ANOTHER COAT OF PRIMER IF NECESSARY. THEN CLEAN OUT THE GUN.

SPRAY THINNER THROUGH IT TO CLEAN THE NOZZLE.



WHEN THE PRIMER IS DRY (IN 24 HRS.) WE CAN SPRAY ON THE COLOR. FOLLOW THE MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTIONS AS BEFORE TO HAVE THE PAINT AT THE CORRECT THICKNESS. STRAIN OUT LUMPS THRU A NYLON STOCKING.

SPRAY ON THE COLOR AS WITH THE PRIMER—HOLDING THE GUN ABOUT 18" FROM THE PANEL AND WORKING IT STEADILY AND EVENLY, FOLLOWING THROUGH EACH SUEEP ONTO THE MASKED-OFF AREA BEFORE RELEASING THE TRIGGER. TWO COATS SHOULD BE ENOUGH.

CLEAN THE GUN.

AFTER 48 HOURS RUB DOWN LIGHTLY WITH FINE WET-AND-DRY PAPER AND A LOT OF WATER.



Stress on austerity

Mauroy leads battle for reviving economy

PARIS, March 27 (AFP) — Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy has emerged from 10 days of political turbulence in France with increased powers and six months to revive the French economy.

That time period is the one economists have set as the limit for bringing inflation and an advancing foreign trade deficit to a halt. If that goal is not achieved, they predict still another devaluation of the French currency.

The government last weekend devalued the franc for the third time since Socialist President Pierre Mitterrand came to power in June 1981. With a trade deficit of 93 billion francs (\$13 billion) in 1982, economists said the recent 2.5-percent devaluation of the franc and the 5.5-percent revaluation of the West German mark were too little to balance France's ledger with its major trading partner.

The government announced a 10-point austerity plan on Friday to reduce domestic and foreign deficits by assessing middle- and high-income earners with levies totaling 65 billion francs (\$9.3 billion) by the end of next year.

The amount the government plans to take out of circulation is two percent of the gross domestic product. The austerity program

represents an about-face in the Socialist government's policies from protecting employment by encouraging consumption to fighting inflation and deficits.

In forcing the French to tighten their belts, the government has reduced its growth prediction for 1983 from 0.9 to 0.5 percent and implied that unemployment, currently at two million people, could increase. President Mitterrand mulled a range of different policies during a 10-day crisis period following the leftist setback in nationwide municipal elections.

Interpreting the election results as a "warning," the government decided that French industry must regain its competitiveness of the international market.

A number of Socialist leaders opposed a major devaluation of the franc and advocated withdrawing from the European Monetary System (EMS).

Prime Minister Mauroy saw things differently and presented to Mitterrand a battle plan to squeeze consumption back to the level of production. Mitterrand listened but did not act, although instructions were given on March 15 to prepare for France's exit from EMS. Prime Minister Mauroy and President Mitterrand no longer see eye to eye.

Weekly commodities

EMS chaos unsettles markets

LONDON, March 27 (AFP) — The chaos in the European Monetary System (EMS) prior to the realignment of the currencies and its adverse effect on sterling, unsettled commodity markets this week. The subsequent agreement among EMS members gave some reassurance, but sterling's fall to new low levels against the dollar and the mark, caused further concern.

There was a "pull" on sentiment, with prices (quoted in sterling) being supported by sterling's fall, but sentiment being undermined at the same time by the decline in gold, after early gains.

Talk of a possible rise in U.S. interest rates to curb the excess money supply in the United States also weighed prices down. Nevertheless tin continued to break records and wool also reached new all-time peaks, while coffee was at its highest for three and a half years. Elsewhere rubber lost early gains, but other markets clung on to firmer levels over the week.

Although there was still talk about an "oil-price war", the gas oil "futures" market was much less volatile turning firmer in late trading.

Gold: Irregular. A mid-week recovery attracted big sellers to the market encouraged by the firm U.S. dollar.

The prospect of rise in U.S. interest rates and lower crude oil prices also encouraged offers. Fresh buying appeared at the lower levels but the recovery was rather half-hearted. Futures moved up and down in sympathy.

Soviet pipeline forges ahead

LONDON, March 27 (ONS) — The Siberian gas pipeline to Western Europe, which last year plunged U.S.-European relations into crisis, has crossed the River Ob, one of the largest and most difficult water obstacles on its 2,765-mile journey to the West. According to latest Soviet reports the pipeline is now two-thirds welded into positions.

The Ob crossing typifies the problems facing Soviet pipeline builders in West Siberia which have been made worse by an unusually mild winter. The 3,000-yard Ob crossing involved shifting over 500,000 cubic yards of rock from under 60 ft of water in order to sink the pipeline in the river bed.

The Ob banks are marshy so work could not start until the ground was well frozen. The West Siberian area of bog and marsh, as high as Britain, Spain and Italy put together, can suffer temperatures as low as minus 45 Celsius but this year, for a long while, the thermometer refused to sink.

However, the Soviets have plenty of experience at laying these wide-diameter gas mains. The pipeline to West Europe is the fourth in a series which all stretch over 1,800 miles or more. The 40,000 pipelayers working in West Siberia this winter and along the route of the pipeline are using base camp facilities and roads and access routes built for previous pipelines.

Morocco cracks down on smuggling

RABAT, March 27 (AFP) — Moroccan authorities have mounted a massive crackdown on smuggling of a wide range of foreign-made household goods, electrical equipment and clothing in a bid to protect local industries and stem the illicit outward flow of currency.

Customs and police officers have raided stores in every town to check stocks, and have confiscated the goods of dozens of traders who were unable to provide proper documentation.

The contraband comes from the Spanish enclaves of Ceuta and Melilla, whose free-zone status means the goods are available at prices with which Moroccan manufacturers cannot compete.

Authorities have in the past turned a more or less blind eye to the trafficking, confined as it was mainly to traders in the northeast parts of the country.

But the situation has worsened, with the contraband spreading throughout Morocco to such an extent that there are practically no 'souks' left that do not have piles of smuggled articles: refrigerators, vacuum cleaners, clothing, perfumes, furniture, radios, cassette machines, TV sets and video-recording equipment.

Enormous harm has been caused to the economy and local industry. In addition to raiding shops, the authorities have been making spot checks on vehicles throughout the country.

The local press has welcomed the clean-up of the domestic market. But it also has criticized the behavior of some officials toward traders, alleging some instances of "brutal-

pathy, although noticeably the turnover was often still well below normal.

Copper: Very steady. Early losses followed the further rise in stocks (up 24 weeks in a row) by 3,725 tons to 306,475 tons, the highest for more than four years, and a further cut in U.S. producer prices. But with New York making a late, sharp recovery, coinciding with the start of negotiations for the new three-year contracts for U.S. units, the market moved up to its highest for three weeks.

Tin: Firmer. New record prices were established daily except on Wednesday when the market took a "breather". The Tin Council decided to extend severe export controls on producers, in existence for a year, for a further three months from April 1, limiting shipments between the six-member countries to 23,200 tons.

Lead: Quietly steady. Sympathetic gains were made with copper, in continuing quiet trading. Stocks rose by 100 tons to a record 145,500 tons.

Silver: Irregular. The market remained in a volatile state, with sentiment tending to follow gold's movements, and the trend in New York.

Aluminum: Firmer. Last week's losses were regained in lively trading because of currency factors and International Primary Aluminum Institute's estimate that Western world output in February was the lowest for seven years and the two months total 10 percent down on a year ago.

The full program to be completed by 1985 is for six pipelines, including the East-West one, making a combined length of 12,000 miles at a total cost of around \$30 billion. The construction of a seventh pipeline in 1985 is under discussion in Moscow.

This massive building program, unequaled in any other part of the world, is necessary because of the way nature has distributed energy supplies. The USSR has gas reserves estimated at over a third of the world total but they are mostly in Siberia, a long way from where they are needed in European Russia.

The export gas pipeline is almost an incidental offshoot to the domestic building program. But gas exports are important to the Soviet Union as a source of hard currency. Western figures suggest energy exports earned 80 percent of the Soviet Union's hard currency last year.

The amount of export gas contracted for sale through the new pipeline is well down on original estimates. Countries like the Netherlands, which were going to take Soviet gas, have been busy revising the projections for their gas needs downwards.

Only France, West Germany, Austria, Switzerland and West Berlin are firm customers, taking around 21 billion cubic yards. Italy, a potential major customer, is still making up its mind.

Public Opinion

Public Opinion, the paper of the Istiqlal Party of Foreign Minister N'Hamed Boucetta, commented:

"The contraband merchandise did not fall from heaven... but clearly traversed the frontiers by road, sea or air under the noses and whiskers of complacent or negligent customs officers. So what sense is there in this excessive zeal?"

Gulf travel fair opens in Dubai

DUBAI, March 27 (WAM) — UAE Defense Minister Sheikh Muhammad bin Rashid Sunday inaugurated the Gulf Fair of Travel and Tourism at Dubai's International Trade Center.

After cutting the traditional ribbon, Sheikh Muhammad toured the various pavilions, where about 160 establishments from all over the world are displaying their services ranging from airlines, hotels, credit cards and car hire companies.

Special features of the three-day fair include a 'travel souk' built within the exhibition hall containing leading travel retailers and a video cinema. These will dispense information any traveler might need to help determine itineraries, mode of travel and means of stay. Adding a little spice to the proceedings will be competitions offering prizes such as cruises, free airline tickets to exotic destinations and free weekends and dinners at five-star hotels.

Egypt to cut spending, hike exports

CAIRO, March 27 (AP) — Egypt will make up for lost oil revenue by cutting back government spending and increasing production and exports but will not raise commodity prices, a cabinet minister has said.

Planning Minister Kamal El-Ganzoury reiterated a recent statement by Oil Minister Ahmed Ezzeddin Hilal that cuts in Egyptian oil prices because of the world glut meant the loss of \$245 million in the fiscal year 1982-83 and an estimated \$500 million in the coming fiscal year starting July 1.

"We are now trying to compensate for this by reducing government and exports," Al-Ganzoury told reporters. "But we shall not increase commodity prices because this would hurt the masses."

El-Ganzoury spoke after attending a meeting between President Hosni Mubarak and several cabinet members, including Prime Minister Fuad Mubieddin and the ministers of finance, economy, investments, agriculture and industry.

Facing runaway inflation

Polish food front takes a topsy-turvy turn

WARSAW, March 27 (AFP) — Polish consumers are baying to cope with a topsy-turvy market in which some people are unable to buy even the food their ration cards allow them, while others have vast sums of useless money with which they can find nothing to buy.

Rampant inflation has whisked the price of many basic foods — meat, animal fats, sugar, cereal and rice — beyond the reach of an average pocket.

But at the same time peasant farmers known as "market princes," who make money by selling their goods, drive luxury cars but cannot always buy the clothes or raw materials they need.

Food prices in shops are astonishingly inconsistent. In a small market, patronized admittedly by the privileged of the regime, pale-looking tomatoes were on sale at 2,400 zlotys (about \$28) a kilo (2.2 lbs) — equivalent to one-fifth of an average monthly salary.

But on nearby shelves, pears, chicory and mushrooms were selling at 260 zlotys (\$3) a kilo, eggs at 16 zlotys (18 cents) each, radishes at 45 zlotys (about 50 cents) for ten and cucumbers at 600 zlotys (\$7) a kilo.

Indeed, there are people prepared to buy food at these prices, grumbling but buying just the same. And the purchasers are not just

top officials or foreign diplomats, but ordinary people who make considerable sacrifices for a once a week purchase of a few simple vegetables.

Most recently, the aggrieved peasant farmers have been getting the bulk of the publicity. Some appeared on television asking: "Why sell our corn to the state since with the money we get we cannot even buy furniture and building materials which only privileged officials can obtain?"

The problem in Poland is evidently not a shortage of money but its uneven distribution. The government puts inflationary excess at about 500 billion zlotys (\$5.9 billion) of circulating cash. But some economists claim that this excess is in fact in the hands

of about 10 percent of the population. The government's anti-inflation plan unveiled this week includes heavier taxation for higher wage-earners, increased taxes on luxury goods such as big cars, second homes, color televisions, foreign holidays and an attempt to control the income of private producers.

Meanwhile, inflation continues to play havoc with everyday life. How much is by no means an unnecessary question when buying a packet of cigarettes marked 17 zlotys. The packet now costs 60 zlotys following the last price hike of March 1. Consulting a doctor privately or even one belonging to a cooperative cost 70 zlotys recently now costs 200. And the price went up without warning.

Panel to promote Islamic economy

ISLAMABAD, March 27 (AFP) — Leading Muslim economists have decided to form an international association to promote the Islamization of the economy in 40 Muslim nations throughout the world.

The move was urged here Saturday at the end of the second international conference on the Islamization of the economy, attended by more than 150 experts.

A 12-member committee representing

leading Muslim nations has been formed to promote the idea to the countries concerned. It is to be chaired by former Pakistani presidential economic adviser Professor Khurshid Ahmed.

Most of the participants cited the example of Islamic reforms introduced in Pakistan, noting that Muslim companies were far from obeying Islamic ideals on economic and social matters.

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'Subsidies may antagonize EEC'

U.S. delays farm export deals

CAIRO, March 27 (R) — The United States will delay subsidized farm export deals like a recent sale of wheat flour to Egypt to avoid antagonizing the European Economic Community, U.S. Agriculture Secretary John Block said Sunday.

But Block, in Cairo on a ten-day visit to North Africa and the Middle East, told Reuters in an interview that he hoped his trip would help to maintain pressure in talks between the European Economic Community and the U.S. over agricultural export subsidies. "We did not come here to antagonize Europe," Block said.

"That's one reason we're not charging ahead with a subsidized dairy deal for Egypt," he added in a reference to negotiations for the sale of surplus U.S. butter and butter oil to Egypt.

But he said: "We are still very intent on achieving our objective of competing with subsidized European exports in markets which we too consider ours." The U.S. secretary said Friday, before arriving in Cairo, that the primary aim of his trip was to promote sales of agricultural products at world market prices.

According to a U.S. Department of Agriculture briefing paper on Egypt, the Egyptian government believes the U.S. is using the threat of a dairy sale to put pressure on Europe in U.S. efforts to win agreement on ending export subsidies, and does not intend to conclude the deal. Block has been under severe pressure at home to fight the Europeans by dumping American dairy products on world markets.

The United States announced in January that it would sell one million tons of subsidized flour to Egypt, at what the European Commission said was \$30 a ton below the market price, to compete with subsidized European sales to Egypt. Block emphasized that any U.S. suspension of major new subsidized export deals was only temporary, adding: "We want to give the Europeans a little more time, to see if we can't make some progress in the negotiations."

Officials traveling with the secretary said his five-nation visit was partly a negotiating ploy aimed at convincing Europe, and particularly France, that the U.S. is serious about

trying to increase its market share in countries which rely heavily on the European Economic Community for agricultural imports.

Block said the U.S. was pressing for limits on the tonnage of subsidized European Community farm exports in exchange for a U.S. commitment not to export at below market prices. "We recognize that they can't end all subsidies overnight," he said, but added this would be only an interim solution.

"Our objective is a gradual reduction in tonnages, which is exactly the opposite direction that the community has been moving in for the past two to three years," Block said.

Reagan aide marks up growth rate

WASHINGTON, March 27 (AFP) — The administration has raised its forecasts for economic growth and lowered the inflation forecast for this year to take account of the current economic upturn.

President Ronald Reagan's chief economic adviser Martin Feldstein has told the press that the administration is now working on the assumption that real growth in gross national product will be 4.7 percent against 3.1 percent earlier forecast, and that inflation will be 4.5 percent against 5.6 percent.

The White House normally revises its forecasts in July. When the last forecasts were made in December, many commentators were surprised by the pessimistic outlook they portrayed. Feldstein said these forecasts had been revised mainly because of falling oil

prices and because of signs of an improvement in the economy, particularly in the building sector. But he warned that "there remain a number of uncertainties about the strength of the recovery."

But the official forecasts indicate that the improvement will result in a reduction in unemployment to less than 10 percent of the workforce by the end of the year compared with 10.4 percent at the moment. It should also lead to a \$10 billion reduction in the budget deficit.

But Feldstein said the changed forecasts in no way pointed the way to a change in the president's economic policy. He also said he did not expect interest rates to fall in the short term.

Tanzanian economy shows decline

DAR ES SALAAM, March 27 (AP) — Julius Nyerere of Tanzania presides over a country in steady decline and his image is being reassessed in Western chanceries and foreign ministries, said some diplomats here. Tanzania's economic problems are among the worst on a continent riddled with fiscal failure, and its reputation for political stability has been marred by a plot to kill Nyerere and oust his Socialist government.

"Tanzania is really up against the wall," remarked a Western diplomat. Added a senior Third World envoy: "Agriculture has declined, industry is at a standstill, the infrastructure is non-functioning." "I know at the moment we are being judged harshly," Kighoma Malima, minister for planning and economic affairs, acknowledged in an interview.

But, like Nyerere, Malima blamed Tanzania's troubles primarily on two external factors: a jump in the price of oil from \$1.80 a barrel in 1970 to \$35 in 1981 and a slump in prices for such agricultural exports as cotton.

Adding to Tanzania's woes, he said, were bouts of drought and flood, the 1977 collapse of the East African community — an economic association which also included neighboring Uganda and Kenya — and the 1978-79 war to repel an invasion by Ugandan ruler Idi Amin.

The war, which toppled Amin, cost Tanzania some \$500 million, more than 1981's export earnings of \$482 million. Since around 1973-74, there has not been a breathing spell," Malima said. "We have been living in crisis continually." Then in January, amid wild rumors and speculation, the government announced discovery of a plot against Nyerere.

FRANKFURT (AFP) — External debts owed by non-oil producing developing countries total \$625,000 million, the major West German Dresdner Bank has said in its annual report. Describing this as a "very heavy burden on the international monetary and financial system," the bank said that 66 percent of these debts was owed by 20 countries, and 40 percent was owed by Brazil, Mexico, South Korea and Argentina.

BRIEFS

ROME (AP) — The Italian economy continued to feel the effects of world recession in 1982 with domestic output falling by 0.3 percent in real terms. Budget Minister Guido Bodrato reported Saturday. But to a presentation to Premier Amintore Fanfani's cabinet, Bodrato said the government made substantial progress in bringing down inflation and reigning in the balance of payments deficit.

Peking grants \$20 million loan to Poland

PEKING, March 27 (AFP) — China has granted a \$20 million interest free loan to Poland as part of a package to increase China's food supplies to Poland, East European sources said here Saturday.

It was the first time Communist China made such a loan to a member of the Soviet bloc. China will also supply more than 10,000 tons of food items to Poland, the sources said. The New China News Agency reported that the two agreements were signed by the delegate for the Chinese External Trade Minister Chen Jie, and by Poland's Vice Minister for External Trade Wladyslaw Gwiazda.

The loan by China is to pay for imports of Chinese food products such as oil or tea, cotton products, shoes and tires. The two agreements do not come under the economic cooperation agreement signed in January in Warsaw which foresaw a 48 percent increase in bilateral trade compared with last year.

Hanoi refuses to reschedule debt repayment

BANGKOK, March 27 (AFP) — Vietnam has declined to work out a debt-rescheduling pact with Western countries, freezing an agreed \$30 million loan from France, French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson said here Saturday.

Cheysson told a press conference that France had signed a loan agreement in November 1981, but would not put it into effect until previous debts had been rescheduled. These debts were owed to other European countries as well as to France, he added.

Procedures for delayed payment of debt to Western countries are normally worked out through the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and a group of lender countries called the Club of Paris.

Cheysson, who leaves for Hanoi after an official visit to Thailand, said his Thai counterpart Sithi Sawetwattana had not broached the subject of French financial relations with Vietnam during official talks here.

EEC official begins talks in Seoul today

BRUSSELS, March 27 (AFP) — The vice president of the executive commission of the European Economic Community (EEC), Wilhelm Haferkamp, will visit South Korea Monday for the first talks between the commission and Korea, sources here said.

Haferkamp will meet Prime Minister Kim Sang Hyup, Vice Premier and Planning Minister Kim Joong Sung, Foreign Minister Lee Bum Suk and Commerce and Industry Minister, Kim Dong-Whie. Bilateral talks are to be held annually, alternatively in Brussels and Seoul, the commission said.

Financial Roundup

Markets relatively quiet

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, March 27 — The Sunday markets were relatively quiet on both the Bahrain as well as Kingdom based level. Riyal deposit rates traded at the 8-8½ percent for short-term funds but longer dated funds rose by around ¼ percent to trade at 9 ½ percent for the one year tenor. Most transactions concentrated in the shorter end of the market, as well as overnight markets for inter-bank activity. Overnight funds traded at the 8 ¾ percent level but volumes were relatively small compared to the upsurge in activity during the past weekend when rates also firmed.

Dealers expect the markets to consolidate in the coming few days as some liquidity injections are still being felt in the mar-

ket and these have tempered the rial interest rate rises during the period of market uncertainties in Europe. The rise in Eurodollar interest rates has not affected the domestic markets as had been feared and dollar interest rates continue to trade at 9 7/16 percent levels for the shorter periods and 9 ¾ percent for the longer dated deposits.

The fall in the U.S. weekly money supply figures showing a \$1.3 billion fall over the week has put a stop to the sharp rises seen in Eurodollar interest rates. The markets are expected to consolidate on the present rate structures also in Europe. On the domestic exchanges, spot riyal/dollar rates operated at 3.4398-05 levels in predominantly commercial oriented transactions.

Massive relief ordered

Drought hits Indian states

NEW DELHI, March 27 (AFP) — The federal government has announced a massive relief operation for over 80 million people affected by drought in India, amid fears the situation could become critical if monsoon rains fail again.

A survey by the Press Trust of India news agency said at least 43 million hectares of cropland spread over 15 of the 22 Indian states were affected by the drought. "The states have been seriously affected...and the cost of relief operations is mounting to a new high," the agency said in a report Saturday.

The federal government has already agreed to release about \$404 million to the states for drought relief operations and to prevent any starvation deaths. Opposition deputies in the national parliament said they had evidence of starvation deaths in Bihar and Orissa. But this was denied by federal officials here.

Worst affected is the state of Tamil Nadu, where the drought is compounded by the drying up of drinking water resources.

Newspapers have published photographs

showing long lines of women waiting in front of water tankers. The Communist-ruled state of West Bengal, with a population of 44 million, has suffered a crop loss of over \$1 billion and a critical period is ahead until the onset of the monsoon in June.

Reports from West Bengal spoke of hungry villagers looting food trains and trucks in one of several affected districts.

Nearly two-thirds of the villages in Kerala have already been declared "drought affected" and the state's drinking water and irrigation sources are fast drying up, the PTI report said. Orissa is another of the worst hit states. It has already lost 1.9 million tons of its winter rice against a projected production of 4.2 million tons. Parts of Gujarat have been declared "scarcity areas".

Other states affected are Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, the report added. The federal government has rushed teams to the drought-hit states to assess the situation and suggest measures to prevent starvation.

Red China to expand steel mill

PEKING, March 27 (AFP) — Communist China has given the green light for the construction of the second stage of a giant steel complex near Shanghai, reversing a 1980 decision to put off the project.

The New China News Agency reported Sunday that the decision was taken as a result of lengthy consideration in the state council. NCNA said that the work on the second phase of the Baoshan Steelworks would get under way in 1985, as soon as the first stage was completed. This is being constructed with West German and Japanese cooperation.

The first stage alone will cost over \$20 billion. It was originally scheduled to be completed last year but the project was spun out over an additional three years following a "readjustment" of broad economic objectives. The second stage was simply put off

indefinitely, forcing China to pay out some \$45 millions in damages for broken contracts with five Japanese firms.

However the West German Schloemann-Siemag firm, holding a \$600-million contract to supply the mill for the second stage, last year accepted to delay delivery.

NCNA reported that the second stage would include a blast furnace and two rolling mills, but did not say if China was tendering for new contracts abroad. It was considered certain here, however, that the government would again use the Japanese and West German companies already involved in the project. Japan has repeatedly hinted that it was prepared to step up economic aid, notably advantageous loans, in order to permit China to complete Baoshan.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 p.m. Saturday

	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.20	9.10
Bangladesh Taka	14.21	14.03
Belgian Franc (1,000)	74.00	71.83
Canadian Dollar		2.82
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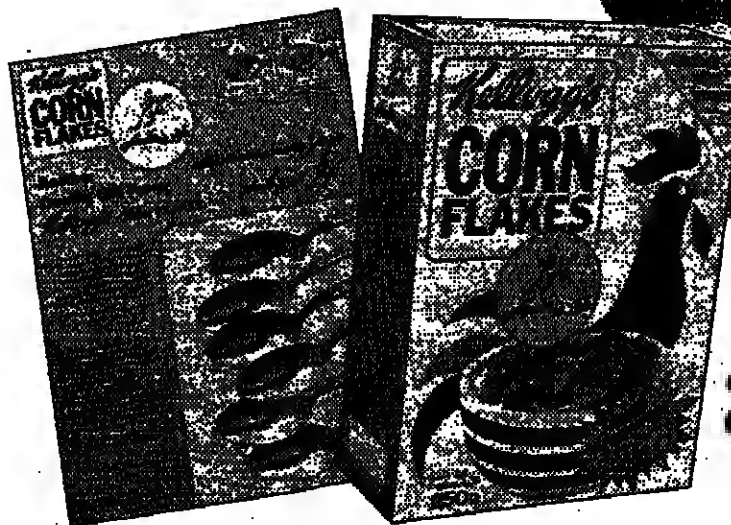
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Before beating Curren in final

Lendl suffers many anxious moments

MILAN, March 27 (Agencies) — Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia the top seed, had to fight all the way to win the final of the Curren Cup WCT tennis tournament here Sunday.

Lendl lost the first set to Kevin Curren of South Africa, and after squaring the match at one-all, had to survive a tiebreaker before winning 5-7, 6-3, 7-6.

Earlier Saturday, Lendl battled to outlast American Chip Hooper 6-7, 7-5, 6-2 to make the grade. Curren, however, had an easy passage beating American Bill Scanlon 6-4, 7-6, clinching the second set tiebreaker 9-7.

Curren, 25, capitalized on his precise, powerful serve and excellent volleys from the net to beat Scanlon at Milan's Indoor Sports Palace in 1 hour, 35 minutes. Scanlon, 26, of Dallas, made several unforced errors and netted some easy balls in crucial moments, particularly a volley and a smash during the second set tiebreaker.

Curren, who had defeated second-seeded Guillermo Vilas of Argentina and fellow-South African Eddie Edwards in the previous rounds, broke Scanlon's serve in the third game to easily win the first set. In the second set, both players held their serve to 6-6. In the tiebreaker, Scanlon failed to exploit two set points, 6-4 and 7-6.

Meanwhile, Spanish veteran Manuel Orantes and Swedish newcomer Henrik Sundstrom won through to the final of the men's singles in the \$75,000 Donnay Open Tournament in Nice.

Martina, Chris to thrash it out

NEW YORK, March 27 (AP) — Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert Lloyd, the top two seeds, advanced to the final of the \$350,000 Virginia Slims Championships of New York with quick, decisive victories Saturday.

Navratilova needed only 55 minutes to beat Sylvia Hanika of West Germany 6-1, 6-1 in the world's richest women's tennis tournament, while Lloyd took 54 minutes to eliminate Billie Jean King, also 6-1, 6-1.

Hanika, seeded eighth, had upset Navratilova in this tournament's final at Madison Square Garden last year, and had moved into the semifinals with impressive victories over Kathy Rinaldi and fourth-seeded Tracy Austin.

King, the sentimental favorite with the crowd of 13,858, suffered the same fate against Lloyd as she did at Wimbledon. Earlier this week, the 39-year-old King, the oldest player in the select 16-woman field, had defeated third-seeded Andrea Jaeger and Barbara Potter.

Against Navratilova, Hanika had no solutions. The tournament's top seed raced through the first four games, breaking the West German in the first and third games.

In the fifth game, Navratilova took a 40-0 lead before Hanika struggled back to hold service. But Hanika won only two points in

Oilers march past Kings in style

NEW YORK, March 27 (AP) — Wayne Gretzky and Willie Lindstrom scored two goals each and Randy Gregg and Dave Hunter fired in short-handed goals Saturday night, leading the Edmonton Oilers to a 9-3 National Hockey League victory over the Los Angeles Kings.

Elsewhere in the NHL, defenseman Brad Maxwell scored his 10th and 11th goals about two minutes apart late in the third period to lift the Minnesota North Stars to a 7-5 victory over the Detroit Red Wings.

Barry Pederson exploded for three goals in 10:29 of the second period, and Ray Bourque

Orantes, seeded 7th and ranked 45th in the world, defeated countryman Fernando Luna easily 6-2, 6-2 in the first semifinal, while Sundstrom fought off Bolivian Marin Martinez 7-5, 6-2 to win the other place in Sunday's final.

A previous winner of this event in 1973 and a losing finalist in Bjorn Borg in 1980, Orantes — who claims he now plays only for pleasure — hardly made an error in his match against Luna.

He broke Luna in the second, sixth and eighth games of the first set and had three points for a fourth break in the fourth game. Orantes served hard and accurately himself and Luna was never in with a chance. Orantes again got an early break in the second set and coasted home, taking Luna's serve to love in the final game.

The tall Swede outlasted Martinez in a mainly baseline game. In a tight first set in which both men lost serve twice, Sundstrom for the second time when serving for the set at 5-3, the Swedish player edged the tiebreak 7-5 ending on a service winner.

Sundstrom made the decisive thrust in the fifth game of the second set, capturing Martinez' serve despite wasting three break points. Martinez surrendered serve again in the seventh game, before Sundstrom served out for victory at 7-6, 6-2 in 1 hour 40 minutes. Orantes and Sundstrom have never met previously.

The next two games as Navratilova closed out the opening set.

With a service break in the second game, Navratilova took a 3-0 lead in the second set. After Hanika held in the fourth game, Navratilova captured the next three games to close out the match and post her 26th consecutive match victory.

Lloyd's victory was even easier. King had used her serve-and-volley tactics and wily shot selection to reach the semifinals. But Lloyd never gave her a chance to get into the match as the haseliner forced King to play her game.

When King came to the net, Lloyd passed her. When she stayed back, Lloyd was steeper. When the match was over, King had won only two games.

The Navratilova-Lloyd final matches the world's top two players for the 52nd time in their careers. Lloyd holds a 30-21 advantage. However, Navratilova has won 10 of their last 15 matches since early 1980.

It will be the sixth consecutive time the two have met in a final, with Navratilova winning four. Her only loss came in December in the Australian Open. Navratilova also teamed with Pam Shriver to capture the doubles title, defeating Eva Pfaff and Claudia Kohde of West Germany 7-5, 6-2. The winning team split \$30,000. The losers received \$16,000.

scored twice to boost the Boston Bruins to a 7-4 victory over the Hartford Whalers. While, defenseman Jim Korn's goal with 9:07 remaining gave Toronto a 2-1 win over the Quebec Nordiques and moved the Maple Leafs closer to clinching a playoff spot.

Bnh Rainey's 12th goal of the season at 11:09 of the third period snapped a 5-5 tie and gave the Montreal Canadiens a 6-5 victory over the St. Louis Blues. And Winnipeg goalie Doug Soetaert played well in stopping 27 shots in a 5-2 victory over the Calgary Flames.

Imtiaz takes Abastillas the full distance in thrilling final

By Paddy Rogan

JEDDAH, March 27 — Renne Abastillas duly won the men's singles title in the JVC-Slazier sponsored tournament at the Lockheed courts last weekend.

It was no smooth sailing for the popular Filipino as he chalked out a 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 victory over Imtiaz Khan. Perhaps due to an earlier three-set doubles match or lack of match fitness, Abastillas was not the same relentless winner so well known by the fans.

Khan despite an atrocious start, when he trailed 0-5, overcame his initial nervousness and played with increased consistency, only to lose the first set 6-4. The Pakistani continued to stretch the champion in the second set and served for the set at 5-3. Abastillas broke back and all seemed set for a possible tiebreaker until a string of uncharacteristic unforced errors on the volley allowed Khan to snatch the tenth game to square the match at one set each. Both players tired visibly in the third set, until Abastillas found extra reserves of energy and on experience led 4-0 and clinched the title on the second match point 6-2.

A large crowd were earlier treated to another cliffhanger in the men's doubles event when the Rod Sabas - Abastillas

partnership claimed the title with a 7-5, 3-6, 8-6 win over the Bob Reece - Tom Bozarth combination. This was a match that had the spectators on edge until the final stroke. Service breaks were gold dust in this match and it was one such break in the third set against Abastillas which should have assured the aggressive American duo of victory. Having broken Abastillas, a 4-1 lead was possible with Bozarth serving. But it was not to be, mainly because the expected weak link in the Filipino partnership, Rod Sabas, could not be subdued.

Later in the afternoon the JVC-Slazier Ladies title was won by Nienke Herault. The Dutch girl won 12 games in a row in her 6-2, 6-0 decision over Karen Lindenberger. Lindenberger and Innocenti had upset the form books with a 6-2, 6-4 win over the Herault-Massuelle combination in the Ladies' doubles event.

In the junior boy's event Patrick Hermansson captured the title for the third and possibly the last time. His victim on this occasion was Muhammad Misherata, who couldn't string his shots together against the relentless top spin of Hermansson, and went down 6-1, 6-0.

There was no doubt where the silverware



ALL SMILES: The proud winners in the JVC-Slazier tennis tournament make a happy picture as they pose with their trophies together with the sponsors Talal Makdessi (second from left) representing Slazier and Ghassan Al-Ajou representing Said Al-Jou (JVC), third from left. Ghassan Al-Ajou, representing Said Al-Jou (JVC), and Talal Makdessi on behalf of Slazier presenting a host of JVC stereo equipment, Slazier tennis equipment to the winners and runners-up.

In Players' Championship

Cook grabs advantage

PONTE VEDRA, Florida, March 27 (AP) — John Cook holed a bunker shot in swirling winds on the way to a two-under-par 70 that gave him a two-shot lead Saturday in the second round of the \$700,000 Tournament Players' Championship.

"Survival. That was the word for today," Cook said. "It was very tough out there. The wind got up and it was swirling, changing directions a lot."

Cook, 25, whose only previous victory came in the Bing Crosby tournament in 1981, had a 36-hole total of 139, five shots under par on the difficult Players' Club course, 6,857 yards of water and waste bunkers, humps, hollows and assorted horrors that proved even more frustrating in the afternoon winds.

"It took at least five hours to play," Cook said. "It's a grind. You have to think your way around it. It's tiring." And, he said, it would be doubly tiring Sunday. When heavy rains delayed the start of the tournament by one day, a double round of 36 holes was scheduled for Sunday in the event that is billed as the annual championship of golf's touring pros.

His closest pursuers going into Sunday's play are J.C. Snead, Peter Jacobsen, Don Pooley and Bobby Clampett, tied at 141. Jacobsen had the best round of the day, a 68.

Amarnath, Shastri in century stand

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, March 27 (AP) — Mohinder Amarnath powered his way to his third century of the tour with a brilliant 121 as the touring Indian cricket team finally started its rain-delayed match against Guyana here Saturday.

Amarnath added 186 for the second-wicket at better than run a minute with opener Ravi Shastri (75). The Indians ended the day's play on 275 for three wickets.

After the first two days were completely washed out by rain, the officials of both teams agreed to divide the batting time equally at five and a quarter hours each over the remaining two.

Desperate efforts to dry the drenched outfield, including the use of a Guyana army helicopter, made play possible. After the Indians lost opener Anshuman Gaekwad, bowled by Lesaine Lambert for 5, Amarnath and Shastri dominated a weak Guyana attack.

Snead birdied four holes in a row on the way to a 70. Pooley also was two under for the day.

Those three played in the morning, before the winds reached gustier proportions, up to 25 miles per hour (40 kph) in the afternoon. Clampett matched par 72 under those difficult conditions.

Veteran Bob Murphy, with an early 70, was alone at 142. Bruce Lietzke, the first-round leader, went to a 75 and was tied at 143 with Lennie Clements, Vance Heafner and Tommy Nakajima. Clements shot 70, Heafner 71 and Nakajima 72.

Tom Watson, the current U.S. and British Open title-holder, Jack Nicklaus, and Arnold Palmer were in a group at 149, five over par and 10 off the lead. "I played just like I did yesterday — no good at all," Watson said after struggling to a 74. "The winds were tough. It's no fun to play this golf course."

Nicklaus hit one in the water and made double bogey on the fourth, then bogeyed the next three holes before he got it back together. He played the front in 41, and finished with a second-round 76. Palmer matched par 72 in the afternoon winds.

Masters champ Craig Stadler struggled to another 74 and was at 148. PGA title-holder Ray Floyd took a 76 and dropped back in the pack at 146.

Amarnath, appointed captain for the match, hit six sixes — three of them in one over from leg spinner Derek Kallicharran — and 10 fours in 158 minutes of masterful batting before he was run out by Roger Harper's direct throw to the stumps from a shot made off his bowling.

Shastri, used as an opening batsman again following his success in the last match against the Windward Islands, could well have earned the position for himself in next week's third Test. He scored an impressive 75, inclusive of 10 fours, before he was caught at deep mid-wicket off the bowling of off-spinner Clyde Butts.

For the final hour of the day, Sunil Gavaskar and Dilip Vengsarkar added a further 57 to the Indian total, Gavaskar finishing 29 not out and Vengsarkar 31 not out. Gavaskar had originally been named captain for the four-day match but he was replaced by Amarnath.

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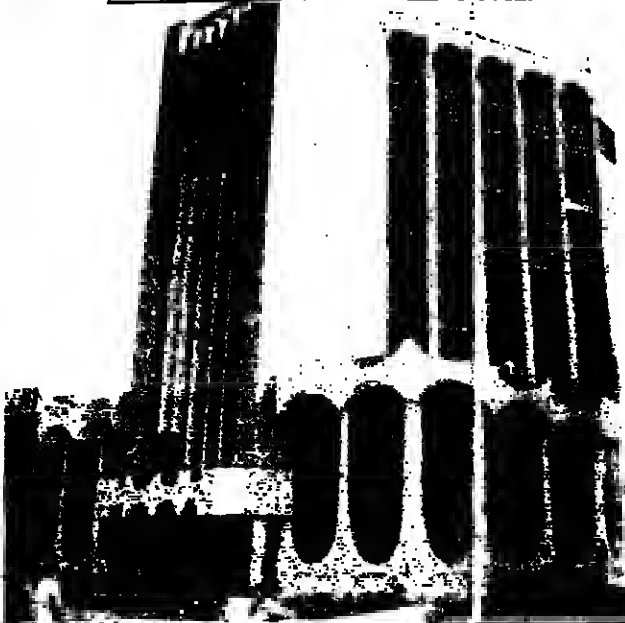
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For All-England crown

Jin turns on heat to thaw Frost

LONDON, March 27 (Agencies) — China's Luan Jin avenged his defeat at the hands of Denmark's Morten Hansen Frost when he toppled the top-seeded Dane 15-2, 12-15, 15-4 to lift the men's singles title in the All-England Badminton Championships here Sunday.

China added yet another feather to its cap, later in the day, when Zhang Ailing downed her battling compatriot Wu Jianqiu 11-5, 10-12, 12-9 to retain the women's singles crown.

Jin, seeded No. 4, had surprisingly few problems in overcoming the challenge of former champion Prakash Padukone of India Saturday, winning 15-6, 15-7, for another meeting with Frost in the final. And this year he tasted sweet success.

Jin, a 24-year-old teacher who represented his country in the Thomas Cup last year, waged a tactical battle with the ebullient Dane. He combined aggression with defense superbly to counter the tiring out tactic of Frost. The 24-year-old history student from Copenhagen, hoped to tire out the Chinese with his toss-drop tactic before moving in for the "kill."

But Jin, after a dose of that bitter medicine last year, moved into top gear from the word go to literally sweep the Dane off his feet. The Chinese smashed the "bird" with deadly accuracy and finished off a rally before it became long-winded, with a neat placement of a telling smash.

Faced against such sustained aggression, Frost found himself 1-12 down in the first game and could carve out just three more points before Jin wrapped up the game. The second nearly became a repeat of the first when Frost trailed 2-6. Inexplicably, Jin eased off the pressure at this stage.

Frost quickly seized the advantage to push his tactic into action. He caught up with the Chinese at 6-6 and then slowly advanced to 10-6 after engaging his opponent in protracted rallies. Frost after getting his opponent to play to his tune, led Jin a merry dance around the court before squaring up the game scores.

Freshened up after a brief break, Jin unleashed another awesome display of power

to smash Frost's resistance. Jin raced to a 7-0 lead, increased it to 10-1 and from then on it was smooth sailing for Jin.

Jin, received the first prize of 1,000 pounds (\$1,460), while Frost took the losing finalist's purse of 700 pounds (\$1,022). It was only the third defeat the Dane had suffered since taking the title last year — all three against far eastern players — but his second loss in three meetings against Jin, who gained a valuable psychological boost with the World Championships in Copenhagen just six weeks away.

Zhang Ailing, who is also the Chinese champion, world No. 1 and Asian Games champion, took nearly an hour to beat the 22-year-old Jiangqiu, who is the Chinese No. 1 and was seeded only fifth here. It was not an inspiring final, despite its length, and the umpire had to ask the champion and top seed,

who frequently appeared tired, not to waste time in changing shuttles and sides, and in towelling.

When the champion led 11-5, 7-0 it looked as if the match would end as quickly as last year's final, in which Zhang Ailing defeated her compatriot Li Lingwei 11-4, 11-6. But she began to make unforced errors and Wu Jianqiu got back into the match, squaring it at 12-10.

In the closely-fought third game, Ailing had to call upon all her experience to overcome her compatriot and she did so with the aid of some very daring shots which often fell within an inch or two of the lines.

The men's doubles title went to Sweden's Thomas Kihlstrom and Stefan Karlsson, who beat England's Mike Tredgett and Martin Dew in straight games 15-10, 15-13.

Cyprus takes point off Czechs

NICOSIA, March 27 (AFP) — Little Cyprus, who took a point off World Cup holders Italy last month, caused another shock as they held Czechoslovakia to a 1-1 draw in a European Soccer Championship Group Five qualifying match here Sunday.

Cyprus took the lead after 21 minutes through Theophanous, but Bicovsky denied the home side victory when he netted the equalizer after an hour.

Despite the division of points, Cyprus occupy the last berth on the league standings with two points from four outings while Czechoslovakia have three points from as many matches and occupy the second spot. The group is headed by Romania with five points from three matches.

In another European tie in Luxembourg, the home team were in for a 6-2 thrashing from Hungary. Hungary's Poczok crowned himself with a hat-trick while Nilasi, Polofkei and Hannich netted a goal each. Reiter and R. Schreiner scored for the home team, who have yet to bag a point despite their four outings.

For Hungary, this was their opening match. They occupy the third berth after England and Denmark, who have five and three points respectively.

Jahan disqualified

LONDON, March 27 (AFP) — Hiddy Jahan was disqualified from the Patrick International Squash Festival Saturday after an outburst during his match with fellow-Pakistani Sohail Qaiser.

Jahan was trailing by two games to one after an hour of his third round match with the British under-23 champion when the match came to a sudden halt. Jahan, unhappy with several decisions throughout the match, shouted: "I can't play with that bloody idiot in charge," as he came off court.

Americans roar back

TOKYO, March 27 (AP) — America's Bill Gillian smashed in a goal at 11:58 of the final period to save the United States from its first setback and tie Austria 3-3 in the Group "B" World Ice Hockey Championship here Sunday.

With one tie and three victories, the U.S. now shares the top spot with Poland at seven points. In an earlier match, Poland beat Switzerland 5-4 for its third victory against one draw.

In the opening period of the U.S.-Austria match, Mike Fidler pushed in the first goal to give the United States a 1-0 lead. But the Austrians sank two successive goals and emerged with a 2-1 lead.

Sean Kelly triumphs

SAINT-TRIVIER, France, March 27 (AFP) — Sean Kelly of Ireland won his second race of the season with victory in the Critérium International Cycling Road race here.

Kelly sealed his victory on the third and final stage this afternoon, a 21 km time trial held in cold rainy conditions and overhauled the race leader Régis Clère of France by more than a minute.

Second in the time trial was Kelly's teammate Jean-Mary Guezet of Switzerland, who clocked 28:29 min. against Kelly's winning time of 28:25.



EQUALIZER: Barcelona's Diego Maradona (No. 10) beats Real Madrid's Bonet in the air to nod home the equalizer as Real Madrid's Juan Jose looks on during the Spanish Premier League match Saturday.

Maradona earns Barcelona fine victory

BARCELONA, Spain, March 27 (R) — Barcelona, propelled by a goal from Diego Maradona, gave new Argentine manager Cesar Luis Menotti his first victory here by beating arch-rivals Real Madrid 2-1 in the Spanish Premier League clash.

The victory dislodged Real from the top of the First Division, allowing Athletic Bilbao to jump in front with a 4-0 victory over Celta Vigo. Athletic lead with 44 points. Real are second with 43 and Barcelona third with 42.

Barcelona, playing under Menotti for the third time, were nervous in the first half, particularly when World Cup winger Juanito scored in the 21st minute following a pass from Dutchman Johnny Metgod. But they hit back seconds before the interval when Argentine Maradona headed the ball into the net. His back to goal.

In the 78th minute Maradona sent a pass over three Real Madrid defenders for Miguel Alonso, on the right, to beat goalkeeper Mariano Garcia Remon. It was not a violent match, but each side collected three bookings. Maradona and West German teammate Bernd Schuster were both booked for disputing decisions of referee Donato Perez.

Athletic Bilbao dominated Celta Vigo throughout, scoring three of their four goals in the second half. Estanislao Argote, Daniel Ruiz, Julio Salinas and Pedro de La Fuente were their scorers.

In Bonn, West German World Cup veteran Paul Breitner kept Bayern Munich's championship hopes alive with a dazzling second half goal which earned his side a 1-1 away draw against rivals Hamburg, the holders.

The 31-year-old Bayern captain dribbled half the pitch and fired in a low volley to cancel out a disputed first half penalty by Hamburg's international defender Manfred Kaltz. Bayern claimed diminutive Hamburg forward Jurgen Milewski had "dived" in the box.

Fellow challengers Borussia Dortmund faltered Saturday night, succumbing to a 2-1 home defeat by lowly Fortuna Duesseldorf. Iceland striker Alfi Edvaldsson headed the winner in off the post four minutes from time in a match played in driving snow.

Stuttgart moved into third place, three points behind Hamburg, with a 4-1 thrashing of Eintracht Frankfurt. Hermann Ollicher scored twice, but Iceland's Asgeir Sigurvinsson was the midfield architect of the Stuttgart victory.

Bottom-of-the-table Karlsruhe slumped to their 11th consecutive away defeat, destroyed 7-0 by Kaiserslautern.

In other matches, Schalke lost to Werder Bremen 0-2; Borussia Moenchengladbach beat Bochum 3-1; Nuremberg drew Eintracht Brunswick 0-0; Hertha Berlin beat Arminia Bielefeld 2-0.

IOC gives athletes the nod

NEW DELHI, March 27 (R) — The International Olympic Committee (IOC) approved new eligibility rules for all 30 sports in the Summer and Winter Games apart from soccer and ice hockey.

They retained their ban on professionals but, with an agility more characteristic of the sports arena than the debating chamber, they sidestepped the thorny question of track and field stars able to earn thousands of dollars, directly or indirectly, from their sport.

Despite a row by the president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), Juan Antonio Samaranch, three days ago that clearcut professionals would never be admitted to the Games, the IOC Session accepted the new rules for athletics which allow leading athletes to compete for fees at certain licensed meetings and collect large sums for commercial advertising, so long as the money is paid into a trust fund.

Willi Daume, chairman of the IOC Eligibility Commission, told a press conference that apart from the codes governing soccer and ice hockey, the revised eligibility rules submitted by International Federations, had all been accepted. He said the four-man eligibility subcommittee would meet the soccer and ice hockey federations in Lausanne, Switzerland on April 18 and 19.

The qualifying tournament for the soccer

finals at next year's Los Angeles Games is already being played under the rules of the International Football Federation (FIFA). FIFA's regulations permit participation by professional players, who have not played in the World Cup or signed contract to endorse sportswear products, but the IOC has balked at proposals that the same category of players should be eligible.

Nor does the IOC accept the situation permitted by the International Ice Hockey Federation that professionals in the North American Hockey League (NHL) can subsequently regain their amateur status when their NHL days are over.

The eligibility commission also recommended that National Olympic Committees should be advised of the approved regulations as quickly as possible to enable them to embark on the selection of competitors for next year's Games.

Prince Faisal elected

Meanwhile, the IOC elected five new members including Prince Faisal ibn Fahd ibn Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia, Muhammad Abdul Gadir of Sudan, Anani Matthias of Togo, Rque Munoz Pena of the Dominican Republic and Pal Schmitt of Hungary. The IOC selects its own members to represent it in their countries. The five-nations have brought the membership up to 89.

Tambay bags pole position

LONG BEACH, California, March 27 (R) — The turbo-charged Ferraris of Frenchmen Patrick Tambay and Rene Arnoux will start on the front line of the Long Beach Grand Prix Sunday.

Behind them in the second row will be the conventional Cosworth-engined Saudia-Williams cars of world champion Keke Rosberg, of Finland, and Jacques Laffite, of France. But, in a good sign for the Italian Ferraris, the cars on the front row have won all seven Formula One Grand Prix races staged on this tight, twisting track around the city streets.

The 33-year-old Tambay snatched pole position from his teammate Saturday with the fastest lap time of 1 min 26.117 secs around the 3.275 kilometer (2.035 mile) track. Arnoux failed to beat his best qualifying time of 1 min 26.935 secs. Tambay said: "When Arnoux saw we were sitting in first and second positions he had no need to go faster."

Tambay said a large bump in the track which had sent cars soaring a foot (30 cm) into the air Friday had now been almost flattened. A road crew spent Friday night digging up a 40-foot (12-meter) stretch of roadway and pouring in three truckloads of concrete.

English Soccer standings

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Westford	32	18	4	11	57	40	58	Oldham	32	11	15	7	50	37	48	
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Soccer tid-bits

England, Germany hit by league clashes

LONDON, March 27 (Agencies) — Stoke winger Mark Chamberlain is the latest player to withdraw from the England squad for the European Championship Group Three qualifying match against Greece at Wembley on Wednesday.

Chamberlain limped off near the end of his side's 4-0 win over Watford in the First Division Saturday. He joins World Cup striker Paul Mariner and midfielder Ricky Hill, who also pulled out after being injured in the league Saturday.

The home league clash has taken its toll of the German squad too. Three of their top players limped out of the match and will miss the Group Six clash which manager Jupp Derwall knows he must win to restore some of the nation's waning soccer prestige.

Hamburg striker Juergen Milewski was first to withdraw from the national squad Saturday night after injuring his leg in the gruelling 1-1 draw. Bayern's Wolfgang Dremmler, who gashed his leg, and Hamburg's Wolfgang Roloff, who twisted an ankle, pulled out Sunday.

Derwall is keeping Barcelona's Bernd

Schuster on call but the battling midfielder has already said he wants to stay at home because his wife is expecting a baby. Midfielder Lothar Matthaus of Borussia Moenchengladbach has been called into the squad but Borussia trainer Jupp Heynckes said Matthaus had also been injured in his side's victory over Bochum and was unlikely to be fit by Wednesday.

World cup veteran Paul Breitner, who scored Bayern's equalizer, wrenched a knee and will be out for at least a month. Breitner, who retires at the end of the season, was not in the squad for the Albania match. "My task is truly not an easy one," Derwall commented Sunday.

Meanwhile, Middlesbrough manager Malcolm Allison, has accepted a new two-year contract because he believes he can help the club back into the First Division. The 55-

year-old Allison said Saturday night he had given the matter "a lot of thought" especially in view of an offer from "New York Cosmos."

He added: "It was good offer, but I want to stay in Middlesbrough because the club has great potential and can become a successful club again." The flamboyant Allison joined Middlesbrough last October on a "gentleman's agreement" to stay until the end of this season.

Many arrested

Police arrested 67 football fans in incidents before, during and after Saturday's League Milk Cup Final between Liverpool and Manchester United at Wembley. Police said the majority of arrests were for threatening behavior, and for theft.

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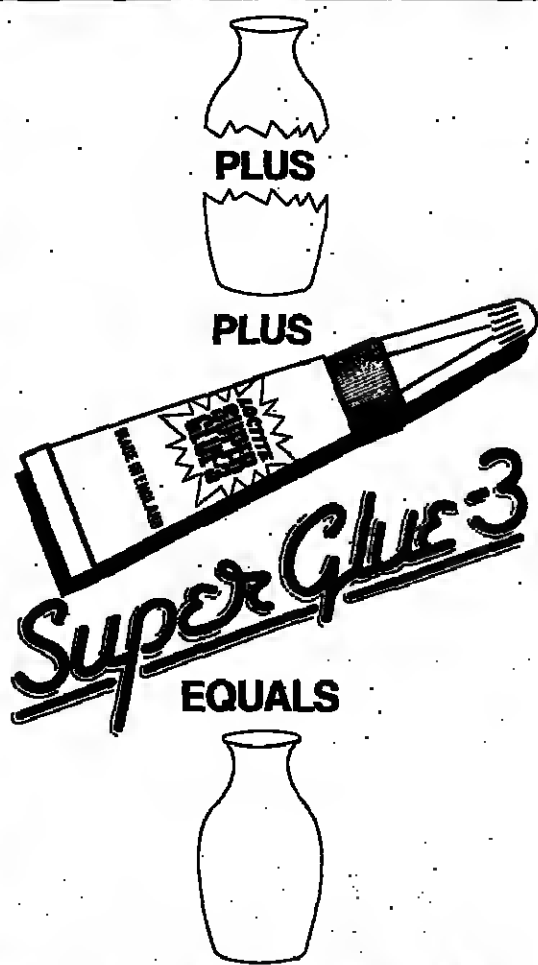
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Organizers suspend agitation in Assam

NEW DELHI, March 27 (AFP) — The four-year-old anti-foreigner protest movement in the northeastern state of Assam, which has led to hundreds of deaths and left countless others injured and homeless through violence and arson, was temporarily suspended Sunday.

The Press Trust of India (PTI) said that the surprise decision was taken at a meeting in the Assam state capital of Gauhati of leaders of the two organizations that have been spearheading the campaign against alleged illegal immigrants from Bangladesh and Nepal, the All-Assam Students' Union (AASU) and the All-Assam Gana Sangram Parishad (people's agitation council), AAGSP.

The protest was being suspended to restore peace and order, and to allow for the rehabilitation of affected people, it was announced at the meeting. AASU general secretary Brigu Kumar Phukan and AAGSP convenor Brij Sharmah in a joint statement appealed to the people, and students in particular, to devote their energies to relief and rehabilitation measures during the suspension period.

However, non-cooperation with the new Assam government would continue, the two leaders said. They called upon the people not to cooperate with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's scheduled visit to the state from March 30, and asked them to hoist black flags wherever Mrs. Gandhi went.

The principal demand of AASU and AAGSP has been the identification and deportation of the estimated five million

Cheysson in Hanoi

HANOI, March 27 (AFP) — French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson arrived here Sunday and opened talks with his Vietnamese counterpart Nguyen Co Thach, expected to center on possible economic cooperation and the Cambodian issue.

Cheysson's talks with Thach and with Prime Minister Pham Van Dong Monday coincide with a spell of intense diplomatic activity over Cambodia. Cheysson, who is due to leave for India and Pakistan Monday, said in Bangkok on Saturday that Cambodia would be one of President Mitterrand's main topics of discussion during his forthcoming visit to Communist China.

Report claims 'Ripper No. 2'

WAKEFIELD, England, March 27 (AP) — Police were investigating a report Sunday that truck driver Peter Sutcliffe, the "Yorkshire Ripper" serving life for the brutal murder of 13 women, may not have been responsible for all 13 slayings.

The unsourced report in the Dublin, Ireland, satirical publication *Phoenix* claimed that Sutcliffe killed four of the 13 and an unnamed Irishman murdered the others.

The article by two unidentified researchers said clues at the scene of some of the murders point to an Irishman questioned by Dublin police on another matter but not detained.

A statement from West Yorkshire chief constable John Bemmion said police "have received a copy of the article which appeared in the *Phoenix* newspaper in Dublin, together with a report from an officer of the Irish police. The various points raised are being examined."

A former detective who worked on the Ripper case told the British Press Association news agency: "There is no question of us having arrested the wrong man or of the real Ripper being at large." But he added: "I don't suppose anyone can afford to ignore any new allegations."

Italian toxic waste sparks French row

PARIS, March 27 (R) — Controversy has broken out over the cleanup of a 1976 chemical plant leak at Seveso in northern Italy, following confirmation by the French government that highly toxic dioxin waste from the accident entered France last year.

An explosion at the Seveso plant on July 10, 1976, released into the atmosphere a cloud of dioxin gas, a poison 10,000 times more toxic than cyanide, which forced several hundred families to leave their homes, killed animals and polluted surrounding farmland.

The whereabouts of the poisonous residue were not revealed, although the plant's owners, multinational firm Hoffmann-La Roche, said last autumn that 2.2 tons of chemical waste containing dioxin had been shipped to a dump outside Italy.

The firm said the final destination of the waste would not be revealed and was known only to a Milan-based waste management firm, Mannesmann Italiana, which contracted to dispose of it. On Friday, in the first official confirmation of where the waste from the accident was sent, France's secretariat of state for the environment said a truck containing residue from inside the Seveso plant entered France on Sept. 10 last year.

The secretariat said the waste was deposited temporarily in the northern town of St. Quentin but later left France for disposal. It did not specify where the dioxin was sent. "According to formal assurances from Hoffmann-La Roche, this waste was deposited at one of the rare approved installations in Europe capable of stocking residue of this type," the secretariat said in a communiqué.

"Investigation in France confirmed that no installation of this sort existing in France was the destination of this waste." But a Hoffmann-La Roche official, contacted at company headquarters in Basle, Switzerland, told Reuters he could not confirm the toxic waste was no longer in France.

"We think, and have told French authorities, that in our view it is unlikely the waste is in France," the official said. He repeated previous confirmation by the firm that the dioxin was not in Italy, Switzerland, nor dumped at sea. Controversy over the destination of the waste surfaced with a report in a French scientific journal saying a four-month investigation by the journal had failed to trace the dioxin.

In its April issue, released Friday, the monthly *Science and Life* said the waste left Seveso only after a meeting last year of the

London Convention, a group which monitors dumping of industrial waste in the Atlantic.

Italian government representatives attending the convention as observers requested permission to dump the 2.2 tons of waste from the Seveso plant at sea. Several days later, an Italian regional council announced that 41 containers of waste had left Seveso for a destination which would not be revealed.

On Nov. 4, Hoffmann-La Roche said the containers had been buried under three to five meters of clay at an approved dumping site located in an earthquake-free zone. *Science and Life* said a check with all approved French dumping sites indicated they had not received the waste. But it also said it was unable to uncover any customs proof that the toxic waste had left France.

Jacqueline Denis-Lempereur, author of the report, suggested the waste could have been stocked in France at an illegal dumping site or an abandoned mine. "It is scandalous that in six months the Environment Ministry has been unable to demonstrate that the waste from Seveso has left France," the international ecology movement Greenpeace said in reaction to the report.

West 'blocking' Namibia freedom

LISBON, March 27 (R) — African leaders said that Western powers were blocking independence for Namibia (Southwest Africa) because of their economic interests in Southern Africa.

Speaking to reporters during a three-day conference to express solidarity with "front-line" African states, Namibian independence movement leader Sam Nujoma said: "The Western powers are tying the hands of the United Nations on Namibia to support South Africa ... for economic ends."

Nujoma said Saturday U.S. insistence on the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola as a precondition for Namibian independence was an excuse to delay independence. "In practical terms the United States as a permanent member of the U.N. Security Council has cast a veto to block the process of decolonization in Namibia," said Nujoma, leader of the Southwest Africa People's Organization (SWAPO).

Mozambican Foreign Minister Joaquim Chissano said that, by relying on aid from the West, South Africa had internationalized the conflict.

Nicaragua battle continues

MATAGALPA, Nicaragua, March 27 (AP) — Fighting in this northern province Saturday between troops of the leftist Sandinista government and rebel exiles claimed the lives of a French doctor and three soldiers and left 17 civilians wounded, authorities said.

Military sources reported intense fighting raged in two other northern provinces and the rebels said they would keep battling until the Sandinista government is toppled.

The latest fighting began Friday and continued Saturday, residents said, in the mountains of Rancho Grande, 60 miles north of Matagalpa, which itself is about 20 miles east of the Pan-American Highway and 80 miles north of the national capital of Managua.

Interior Minister Tomas Borge said the heaviest fighting was concentrated around the small town of Rancherías, where rebels killed three government troops and a French doctor in an attack Saturday morning.

Borge said 17 townspeople, including

seven children, were wounded in the attack which he blamed on "North American imperialism."

The slain French national was identified as Pierre Jrojean, a doctor studying the outbreak of Leprosy in Nicaragua as part of a cultural exchange agreement between Nicaragua and the Socialist government of Francois Mitterrand.

The Panama government meanwhile, said U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Jeane Kirkpatrick used "very simplistic" logic in her criticism of Panama and other supporters of Nicaragua's leftist government at the U.N.

Referring to Kirkpatrick's statement Friday, claiming that supporters of Nicaragua are tacitly supporting Communist aggression against non-Communist countries, Foreign Minister Juan Jose Amado said the situation in Nicaragua cannot be explained in terms of "an East-West confrontation."

Zimbabwe curbs British reporter

LONDON, March 27 (Agencies) — British diplomats in Zimbabwe have intervened on behalf of London *Sunday Times* reporter David Blundy, whose passport was seized Saturday and who was ordered not to leave the country, the Foreign Office said Sunday.

A Foreign Office spokesman said officials from the British High Commission in Harare visited Blundy, 37, after the Foreign Office instructed them to raise the case "as a matter of urgency" with Zimbabwe authorities.

Blundy is the second British reporter to run afoul of Prime Minister Robert Mugabe's government in the past week, apparently for their reporting of the violence in Matabeleland province, stronghold of opposition leader Joshua Nkomo who fled to London on March 13 in fear of his life.

Nick Worrall of the London *Guardian* has been ordered to leave the country by the end of the month.

Blundy's passport, notebooks, camera and personal papers were taken away by plainclothes policemen who searched his hotel

room and told him he was suspected of an offense under the Criminal Procedure and Evidence Act.

Middle East correspondent for *The Sunday Times*, Blundy has been in Zimbabwe for a week researching a story on Matabeleland.

The government has also barred West German journalist Hans Gervani and the American magazine *Newsweek's* correspondent, Holger Jensen, from working in Zimbabwe.

Meanwhile, Zimbabwe's government-controlled *Sunday Mail* newspaper defended the expulsion of journalists from the country, saying they "richly deserve" such action. An editorial claimed that many Western journalists are only "interested in sensation and news that discredit African politicians to prove their theory that the latter are unfit to rule."

The paper added, "they do not want to believe that African politicians can differ on policies as in their (own Western) countries. It pleases them to believe and write that African political differences are always tribal."

Parents plead for kidnapped tourists

HARARE, March 27 (AFP) — The parents of six foreign tourists kidnapped last July by Zimbabwe's anti-government dissidents Sunday pleaded for the lives of their sons in newspaper advertisements.

The plea followed the March 16 kidnapping of Zimbabwean farmer Robert Dyer-Smith, when a ransom note left at the scene claimed that the six tourists — two Americans, two British and two Australians — are still alive.

The note warned that Dyer-Smith and all six tourists would be killed if top military aides of fugitive opposition leader Joshua Nkomo currently on trial are not released by the end of March. The government of Prime Minister Robert Mugabe has refused to meet the kidnappers' demand.

The full-page advertisement in Sunday's

newspapers said that "the threat to kill our sons brings only condemnation throughout the world. It does not enable us to meet your political demands."

The parents have stated in earlier advertisements that they can not free Nkomo's aides Dumiso Dabengwa, on trial for treason, and Lookout Masuku, accused of illegally hiding arms. They offered to pay the defense costs of the two in return for the release of their sons.

Sunday's advertisement also asked for the signatures of the six hostages as proof they are still alive. "In the name of pity let our boys write a few words of assurance for their parents, but even their signatures will help relieve our agony," it said. The plea also suggested a meeting in a neutral country between the parents and representatives of the kidnappers.

	Min	Max		Min	Max
	C	F		C	F
Amsterdam	2	36	0	43	rain
Athens	14	57	17	63	cloudy
Bahrein	16	61	24	75	clear
Bangkok	28	82	34	93	clear
Beirut	13	55	22	72	clear
Berlin	2	36	7	45	cloudy
Brussels	-2	29	4	39	cloudy
Buenos Aires	20	68	29	84	clear
Calcutta	12	54	30	86	clear
Caracas	20	68	30	86	clear
Chicago	-1	30	5	41	snow
Copenhagen	25	77	35	95	rain
Frankfurt	0	32	6	43	cloudy
Geneva	1	34	7	45	snow
Helsinki	-1	30	3	37	cloudy
Hong Kong	17	63	20	68	rain
Jakarta	24	75	33	91	cloudy
Kuala Lumpur	25	77	35	95	rain
London	5	41	8	46	cloudy
Los Angeles	14	57	21	70	rain
Madrid	1	34	17	63	clear
Manila	22	72	36	97	clear
Miami	14	57	24	75	cloudy
Montreal	-3	27	2	36	ice
Moscow	7	45	11	52	cloudy
New Delhi	-20	68	30	86	clear
New York	-3	27	11	52	clear
Nicosia	8	46	20	68	cloudy
Ozlo	0	32	7	45	cloudy
Paris	2	36	7	45	rain
Peking	4	39	14	57	clear
Rio de Janeiro	18	63	30	86	cloudy
Rome	10	50	14	57	clear
San Francisco	9	48	14	57	rain
Seoul	6	43	16	61	cloudy
Singapore	26	79	34	92	clear
Stockholm	0	32	3	37	cloudy
Sydney	18	64	24	75	cloudy
Taipei	16	61	26	79	rain
Tokyo	4	39	9	48	rain
Toronto	0	32	11	52	rain
Vancouver	4	39	11	52	rain
Vienna	3	37	7	45	cloudy

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